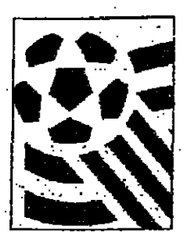


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Defiant Major sticks to his guns

Reshuffle to follow Tory drubbing at the polls

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

JOHN Major told a bruised and bickering Conservative Party last night that he would beat off any challenges and lead it into the next general election.

The Prime Minister reacted to the Tories' worst national electoral performance this century with a pledge to stick to his policies on law and order, education and the economy, a hint of tax cuts when the time is right, and a boast that the party could and would recover to win the next general election.

He ruled out an instant Cabinet reshuffle, but virtually confirmed that there would be one next month.

The Prime Minister was speaking against the background of a renewed outbreak of fratricide, sparked off by European election results that saw a resurgent Labour Party take 62 of the UK's 87 seats. The Tory share dropped by almost half, to 18.

The Conservative tally would have been lower but for Labour's strong performance in the South, which stopped the Liberal Democrat advance in its tracks. Paddy Ashdown's party secured only two seats, although it appeared to have been farcically denied a third at Devon and West Plymouth where a fringe candidate calling himself the "Literal Democrat" siphoned off some 10,000 votes, handing the seat to the Tories. The Liberal Democrats are taking legal advice and may take their case to the High Court to get the result overturned.

In the end, after predictions of a wipeout, the final Conservative result came as a relief to many MPs and ministers. But that did not prevent a collapse of the truce between the Euro-sceptic and enthusiast wings of the party that had endured through the campaign.

Sir Edward Heath led the call from the left for "anti-European" Cabinet ministers to be sacked, saying: "There are some he can get rid of for perfectly good Cabinet reasons, that they are not up to their job and they have caused us great trouble." At the same time, the Right called for a still more robust anti-Brussels line and the elevation of more of their number into the Cabinet.

In the general air of turmoil, the backbencher William Powell called on Mr Major to resign the leadership immediately and stand for re-election. Others took to the airwaves to give diametrically opposing views, particularly on taxation, of what the party should do to recover.

In fact, the atmosphere of crisis around Mr Major has clearly subsided. Conservative MPs from all wings agree that he is almost certainly safe until the autumn, when a stalking-horse appearance remains a possibility. Several MPs who favour a change admit there is no certainty that it would be able to slow down the bandwagon of a Labour party led by Tony Blair.

Margaret Beckett, the acting Labour leader, declared that the mantle of trust had passed to her party. "Where we need the votes to win a general election, we are getting them," she said.

Mr Major was determined to show, however, that while he had no illusions about the poor results, there were compensations and that he had a firm grip on his Government.

For the first time, he called political correspondents to the garden of 10 Downing Street to tell them that although the results were "very poor" for the Tories and good for Labour, the turnout was derisory, that the outcome was better than the predictions and that many people were still bruised and angry about the effects of the recession.

The failure of the Liberal Democrats meant "we are back into the politics of real choice," he said. "The only alternative to a Conservative government is a Labour government. Any other choice is a good spoiler, but unreal."

Asked about potential challenges to his leadership, he declared: "I keep hearing this. I am still here. We have a mechanism if people wish to challenge in the autumn — that is a matter for them. I don't expect one. I will be here waiting for it if there is one. I will beat it, and I will be here to and through the general election."

The election results would not influence his policies — "I intend to stick to what I set out to do because I passionately believe it is to the long-term benefit of this country" — and he would bow to neither the Euro-sceptics nor the enthusiasts. "I am saying and doing precisely what I believe is right for Europe. There is a middle way, a practical way, for Europe. It is the way I believe in."

He also made plain that he was not succumbing to calls for a swift reconstruction of the Government. He said: "I can rule out this week. I can rule out next week." While there would be a reshuffle, it was not imminent.

Mr Major was more cautious about tax cuts than some of his ministers, but he said: "If and when it is prudent to cut taxes in the future, our instinct will be to cut them. I would rather let people decide for themselves how to spend their money than that we should decide on their behalf."

(all 87 seats declared)

	Seats	+/–	Vote
Lab	62	+13	42.7%
C	18	–16	26.9%
LD	2	+2	16.1%
SNP	2	+1	3.1%
Ulster	3	0	7.1%

Swing (compared to 1989 poll):
C to LD 8.7%
C to Lab 5.5%
Lab to LD 3.2%

KEVIN LAMARQUE



Briefing on a summer's day: John Major bringing the White House approach to Downing Street yesterday when he addressed the press in the garden for the first time

Thorns addressed among the roses

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

THE body language said it all yesterday as the Prime Minister strode through the French windows of the Cabinet room, on to the terrace, and down the steps to the Downing Street garden, where the press was waiting for him.

Despite the Conservatives' worst drubbing in a national election this century, John Major was still in charge. Crisp and sharp in a dark suit and blue and white spotted tie, he stood at a lectern on an L-shaped lawn in need of a trim and addressed perhaps 50 journalists drawn up on delicate gilt and pink chairs commandeered from the state rooms inside.

Behind him, on the high brick wall that encloses the garden, you could still see shrapnel marks from the IRA mortar that nearly wiped out half the Cabinet just over three years ago.

But yesterday, as the media thorns in his side surveyed the neat herbaceous borders and joked about the profusion of Labour red in the rose garden behind them, Mr Major was not dwelling on past battles. He knew that once again the quarry had escaped the pack and his purpose was to leave no one in any doubt about his determination to soldier on.

Long gone was the mateyness of his first encounters with the parliamentary lobby. His answers were to the point, and few were favoured with first-name terms.

But Mr Major has had some anxious moments in gardens, despite his love of delphiniums and his rather eccentric suggestion that a well-placed and thorny berberis can contribute to crime prevention.

Nine months ago he came badly unstuck on the lawns of the British Embassy in Tokyo, when off-the-record jibes against his backbench critics were too liberally reported dropped. "I will be leading the party at the next election," he said in reply to the inevitable question about his future.

There followed a burst of derisive laughter from beyond the walls as a group of what were presumed to be dissident workmen checked their voting figures.

Unabashed, Mr Major ploughed on. "I don't expect one [an autumn leadership challenge]. I will be waiting for it if there is one. I will beat it and I will be here through to the general election."

Even the workmen fell silent. The press filed out through the low door in the garden wall. Mr Major went back to the Cabinet table that he treasures so much.

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Signallers' strike will close rail network from tonight

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN'S rail network will begin shutting down tonight in preparation for a national strike called for tomorrow by railway signalmen.

The walkout was approved yesterday by officials of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) after talks on pay and conditions broke down. The day-long strike, due to be repeated next Wednesday unless talks are resumed, is an embarassment to ministers. It comes little more than two months after the Government divided British Rail into more than 30 operating companies in an attempt to stimulate a more competitive regime ahead of privatisation.

Jimmy Knapp, RMT general secretary, accused Railtrack, the core track company that employs the railway's 4,600 signalmen — who earn between £243 and £375 a week — of withdrawing the offer of a 5.7 per cent rise made last week. He said the integrity of the Railtrack board, led by Robert Horton, a former BP chief, was "in tatters".

Railtrack said it had offered the signalmen a 2.5 per cent increase, to be financed out of productivity gains achieved through a linked package designed to improve flexibility. Mr Horton called on the RMT to return to the bargaining table to "realise benefits to staff and railway customers at the earliest opportunity".

Railtrack is under pressure to gain efficiency improvements throughout track operations to meet financial targets set by the Treasury to make it viable for privatisation, as well as to improve reliability of train services. The company wants to introduce a simplified grading structure, consolidate allowances and win increased staff flexibility, as well as to pay salaries directly into bank accounts.

In return it is offering a modest pay rise, plus salaried status for all staff and company-wide promotion prospects. Railtrack said: "The package will speed the introduction of new technology and end some outdated working practices that have narrowed staff career opportunities and prevented the industry improving productivity."

Railtrack appealed to signalmen to work normally tomorrow. The company said it would try to allow train operating companies to run a skeleton service, although it believed most of the country would have no service. But signalmen have already voted heavily in favour of strike action in support of their 11 per cent pay claim, designed to restore differentials with other railway workers.

Mr Knapp was furious at Railtrack's negotiating stance. "It is absolutely reprehensible," he said. "I have never known anything like it in 30 years industrial relations in the railway industry."

Because Railtrack runs the track network under contract to separate train-operating companies, speculation grew last night that a strike could open the way for compensation claims by companies unable to run services.

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Tyson entering the court for his hearing

Tyson's bail plea refused

MIKE Tyson, 27, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, was sent back to prison to serve the rest of his six-year sentence for rape yesterday after an Indianapolis judge refused to believe his claims to be a reformed character.

Tyson insisted he had matured and educated himself since he was convicted, but the judge's decision means he is unlikely to be freed before May next year. Page 3

PC to pay boy for clip around the ear

By Richard Duce

A POLICEMAN who clipped a schoolboy around the ear for tormenting an elderly woman was yesterday ordered to pay the child £50 compensation, and could lose his job.

PC Steven Guscott was fined £100 by magistrates at Bridgwater, Somerset, yesterday when he admitted assaulting the 14-year-old in March. He now faces a disciplinary hearing next month at which he could be either reprimanded or dismissed.

Guscott, a policeman with 20 years' experience, had chased 12 youths in his patrol car after Thelma Campbell of Minehead complained that they were repeatedly knocking on her door and then running off. Each time he approached, the boys hurled abuse at him and ran away, the magistrates were told. Eventually, he cornered one of the boys in an alley and slapped him across the face, Christopher Ansell, for the prosecution, said.

The boy suffered a bloody nose and was taken home by police, who asked the child's parents if they wanted to make a complaint. Guscott admitted striking the boy, but Ian Wilson, for the defence, added: "It was no more than he would have done to his own son."

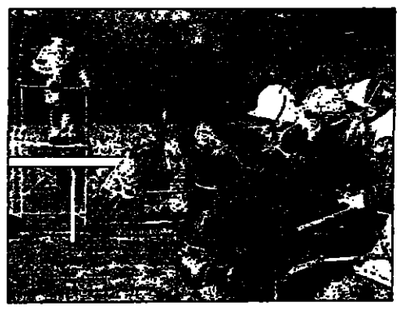
Guscott, described by a colleague as an old-style bobby in the *Dixon of Dock Green* mould, would not comment yesterday, except to say that he had had widespread support from Minehead people. But his wife, Liz, said: "I find it very galling that my husband should be in court and then have to pay the boy £50."

Mrs Campbell agreed: "I would give him a pat on the back, not sack him." She and her husband had often been the target of abuse. "I wanted them to have a ticking-off," she said. "It's terrible this officer could lose his job. I'm used to local bobbies being able to give people a clip round the ear."

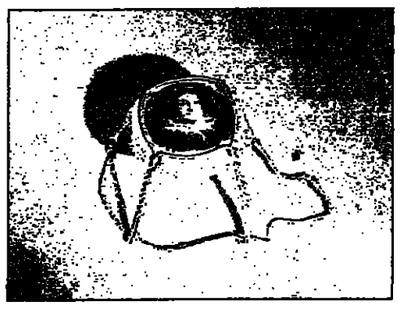
The boy's mother said last night: "I wouldn't like to think of the policeman losing his job, but police have to be special people ... they are not allowed to lose their temper. He may say it was just a cuff round the ear, but the police brought my son home and his nose was still bleeding."



PC Guscott: "Dixon of Dock Green" bobby



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Wimbledon Tennis Championships	20 June - 3 July
Henley Royal Regatta	29 June - 3 July
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Mackay urged to rethink fees plan

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor has been urged to delay his controversial scheme enabling lawyers to take cases on a no-win, no-fee basis or impose restrictions on the fees they may charge.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern's own advisory committee on education and conduct has expressed concern that there are inadequate safeguards in the proposals — due to go before Parliament next month — to protect clients.

In a letter to the Lord Chancellor the committee has called for safeguards to ensure that lawyers' fees do not exceed a specified proportion of a winning litigant's damages.

The committee also wants the Lord Chancellor to consider rules to stop lawyers taking on cases "they believe to be wholly devoid of merit", to cut the chance of litigation being used as a "blackmailing" weapon.

Under the no-win, no-fee proposals lawyers could take on certain kinds of cases for nothing and then charge up to double their normal fee if successful. The proposals will affect personal injury, European Court of Human Rights and insolvency cases.

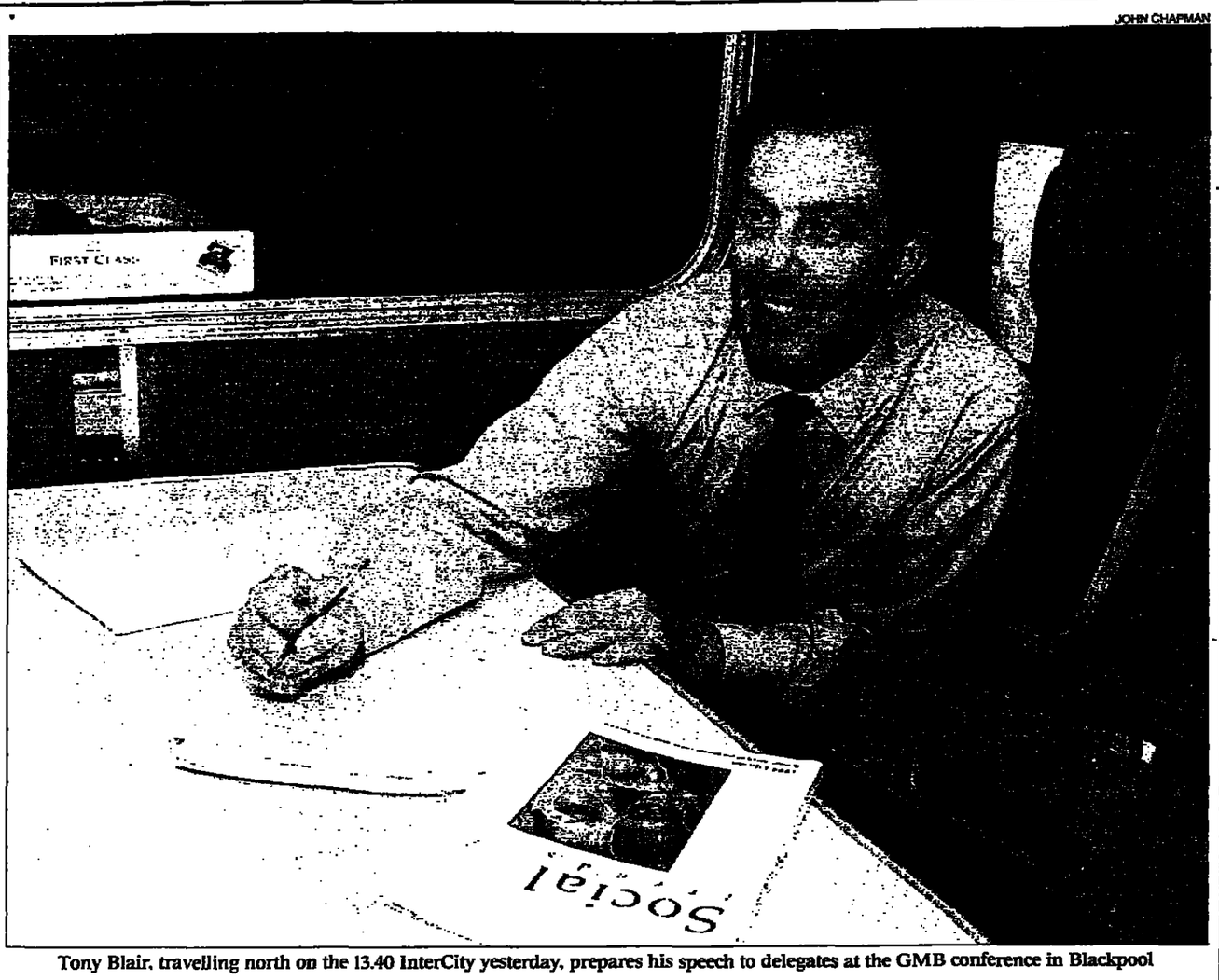
Judge Gower QC, chairman of the committee's working party on conditional fees, said: "We want the scheme to work, but to work properly." He added that he wanted lawyers to explain to clients the difference between conditional fees and normal fees: the risks as well as the benefits (that some costs will be payable, win or lose) and the sums involved.

Clients, the committee says, should be given adequate information on the amount of their damages which is likely to be absorbed in legal fees if the lawyer wins their case: and be given a satisfactory mechanism to challenge the fees being charged.

Russell Wallman, an official at the Law Society, said the society did not believe there was any need for a significant delay in introducing conditional fees. "As the committee says, it is futile to try to sort out every problem before introduction," he said.

The society accepted the need for a rule capping the amount a lawyer could charge to avoid the danger of fees absorbing all a client's damages.

JOHN CHAPMAN



Tony Blair, travelling north on the 13.40 InterCity yesterday, prepares his speech to delegates at the GMB conference in Blackpool

Beckett lacks punch as rivals spar before union audience

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

■ There was fair play rather than fisticuffs when Labour's big three contenders climbed into the same ring for the first time

THE three main Labour leadership candidates faced each other for the first time on the hustings yesterday as they paraded their wares before 700 trade unionists.

As the final results were still coming in from the European elections, Tony Blair, Margaret Beckett and John Prescott set out to woo the GMB, Britain's third largest trade union, which has 750,000 votes in next month's contest.

Mrs Beckett, the acting Labour leader, told the union's Blackpool conference that "the goal of full employment remains at the heart of Labour's vision for Europe". In an attempt to win the hearts of those before her, Mrs Beckett emphasised the importance of Labour's relations with the trade unions, making clear that employment rights, a minimum wage and investment in skills and training would be top of her agenda.

She also pointed to the failings of the market place, suggesting that the State should intervene. "The Government must now take a lead — looking forward, supporting and backing industries in Britain ... making sure they are up among the world leaders."

In a speech short of vision and pledges, Mrs Beckett failed to captivate the conference, though she earned a polite standing ovation. Labour had a list of aspirations but it should pick out only what could be achieved at a given time. Like John Smith, she was careful not to offer any hostages to fortune. "We should only promise what we can reasonably expect to deliver."

The Tories had used the same lying tactics as they had during the general election, but this time it had not worked. "The mantel of trust has passed to Labour."

Setting out a vision of society very similar to that put forward by Tony Blair, Mrs Beckett said the narrow self-serving vision of the Government had to be replaced with a vision to free people at work and at home from fear, inequality and insecurity.

Although Mrs Beckett enjoyed a head start, union officials pointed out that she had been given star billing only because she was taking John Smith's place.

Mr Blair and Mr Prescott addressed a rally later in the afternoon and took part in a question-and-answer session. As they could not decide between them who should speak first, the union suggested tossing a 20p coin to be scrupulously fair. Tom Burlinson, deputy general secretary, peformed the task.

John Edmonds, GMB general secretary, earlier urged Labour's new leader not to shun the trade unions that had created the party. Last year, Mr Edmonds strongly opposed the Labour leadership's determination to bring in one member one vote for the party's election procedures, which unions saw as a move to exclude them from Labour affairs.

He insisted that the party should not return to this "bitter" debate, and said: "I trust that never again will trade unionists be made to feel like outsiders."

He urged the new leader to unite the party and said it was no coincidence that Labour's political prospects improved immediately it stopped fighting internal battles.

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City criminals look to shires

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S country lanes and villages face an invasion of professional criminals from the cities looking for easy pickings, a conference on rural crime was told yesterday.

Tony Butler, Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, told a conference organised by Crime Concern, that rural crime had not yet reached crisis proportions. "At the current rate of change, that position is unlikely to be sustained for very much longer unless something is done."

He said although detection rates were good, the notion that rural counties were safe havens was increasingly being challenged. Rural burglaries in Gloucestershire had increased five-fold. In counties such as his the rate of crime per 1,000 population was higher than that for urban forces such as South Yorkshire and Merseyside.

Effective policing in the countryside was more difficult and expensive yet rural forces had nowhere near the manpower levels of their metropolitan counterparts, Mr Butler said. Gloucestershire required 607 officers above its current 1,100 to achieve the police-population ration of Merseyside. Home Office restrictions on recruitment had exacerbated the growing imbalances between town and county policing, he said. Solutions to rural crime had to be focused locally.

Charles Wardle, Home Office minister with responsibility for crime prevention, said police covering large rural areas could not always reach incidents as quickly as they would like. Alert communities could help the police by acting as their eyes and ears and reporting suspicions.

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Quick test to diagnose ulcers

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW test for the bacterium that causes ulcers could help GPs to provide prompt diagnosis and effective treatment.

The blood test gives immediate results and is cheaper and easier than existing tests for *Helicobacter pylori*, a bacterium found in the stomach and which is believed to be responsible for peptic ulcers, gastritis and some types of stomach cancer. The bacterium can in most cases be eliminated by antibiotics.

Cortecs International, based in Deeside, North Wales, has developed the test in conjuction with scientists at the University of Newcastle in Australia. A tiny spot of blood is placed on a test card and treated with a chemical. If a double spot appears, the patient is infected with *H pylori*.

The makers believe the test will save the health service substantial amounts of money by reducing the need for more expensive examination and encouraging doctors to eliminate the bacterium with antibiotics.

"This has to be of considerable benefit to patients," Dr Jo Roberts, a Devonshire GP who has carried out a study of the benefits of eradication therapy, says.

"It will also have major financial implications in reducing the cost of chronic and relapsing disease. Total potential savings to the NHS have been estimated at £100 million a year."

☐ A poison alert was issued yesterday after the theft of a weed-killer that can kill after contact with the skin.

A police helicopter broadcast warnings over Stockport and schools were alerted after 2.5 litres of Dextrone-X was stolen in a burglary at Stockport County's football ground.

Palestinian confesses to Lockerbie bomb

The Scottish lawyer for two Libyans accused of the Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people was last night considering whether to interview a Palestinian who has confessed to the crime. Alistair Duff said he planned to contact Dr Ibrahim Legwell, the Libyan lawyer handling the case, to see if the Palestinian should be interviewed.

Youssef Shabaan, 29, told a court in Beirut yesterday: "I personally blew up the Lockerbie plane." Shabaan, a follower of Abu Nidal's Fatah revolutionary council, is standing trial accused of assassinating a Jordanian diplomat in Beirut in January. He told the court: "I've told the investigating magistrate about it before but my confession wasn't documented. I say it again now." His claim was greeted with scepticism in Britain, where Dr Jim Swire, whose daughter Flora died in the crash, said the assertion should be viewed with grave suspicion.

M11 protesters arrested

Protesters fighting to stop the development of the M11 link road in east London were involved in skirmishes yesterday with Department of Transport officials, who mounted an early morning raid on their headquarters. About 100 demonstrators were rounded up in Leytonstone and two were arrested. The protesters, who have converged on the site in Fillebrook Road, repeatedly charged security guards who had surrounded a copse yards from their headquarters while most of the protesters were asleep. Work was under way yesterday to cut down trees in the way of the road.

Doctor denies assault

A Harley Street doctor "stroked, kneaded and prodded" the naked breasts of a teacher during an examination to assess the extent of back injuries received in a car accident, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. The woman said that Jerome Sturridge "didn't offer a word of explanation for what he was doing. I was shocked. I was upset, I was repulsed." The two-hour ordeal included embarrassing questions about her sex life, she said. Dr Sturridge, 68, denies indecently assaulting the woman at his Upper Harley Street surgery in December 1992. The trial continues today.

TT officers killed

Two policemen died when they were hit by a motorcycle at the Isle of Man TT race circuit. Sergeant Kevin Butterworth, 37, a father of three from Staffordshire Police, and Sergeant John Crowe, 59, of the Metropolitan Police, parked their motorcycles after racing on Sunday and crossed the track to look at a memorial. As they walked back they were struck. Colin Matthews, 28, of Leek, Staffordshire, who was riding the motorcycle, has spinal injuries. Sergeant Crowe, who had 39 years' service, was from Man and planned to retire there.

Vin extraordinaire

Baroness Philippine de Rothschild has released for the first time three Nebuchadnezzars of wine — the equivalent of 20 ordinary bottles — from Château Mouton-Rothschild. The 2.5ft-high bottles are to go on sale tomorrow to mark the 250th anniversary of Sotheby's, the auction house. The Nebuchadnezzar of the 1982 vintage is likely to sell for up to £2,500, the 1975 £1,600, and the 1990 £1,200. Each bottle has a label designed by a famous artist: the 1975 by Andy Warhol, the 1982 by John Huston, the film director, and the 1990 by Francis Bacon.

Bottomley pushes bikes



Cycling 20 miles a week can halve a person's susceptibility to heart disease, Virginia Bottomley, the Health secretary, said yesterday. Mrs Bottomley, left, was speaking at a reception at the House of Commons to mark the start of Hovis National Bike Week '94. However, the Cyclists' Public Affairs Group said only 0.7 per cent of Government transport funding was spent on cycling schemes.

Workers are anti-drink

Employees are more in favour of alcohol being banned during working hours than their managers, according to the Health Education Authority. A MORI survey commissioned by the authority shows that 63 per cent of workers believe that no employees should drink alcohol during working hours. However, 80 per cent of senior directors from large firms think that an exception should be made when entertaining clients. A fifth of personnel directors who think "no employees at all should drink during the working day" had themselves had a drink in the past working week.

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Tyson sent back to jail after refusing to admit hotel rape

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sent back to prison to serve the rest of his sentence for rape yesterday after an Indianapolis judge refused to believe his claims to be a reformed character.

Tyson, 27, insisted he had matured since he was convicted 27 months ago of raping Desiree Washington, then a teenage beauty pageant contestant, but he refused to acknowledge his guilt.

He said: "I am in prison because of bad judgment in picking up Desiree." Dressed in prison denims, Tyson said softly: "I am a human being. I want to get on with my life."

But under intense questioning by state prosecutors, Tyson flatly refused to admit raping Ms Washington in an Indianapolis hotel room in July 1991.

He said: "I have committed no crime. I'm going to stick to that to the grave ... I never violated anyone's chastity."

Tyson finally agreed that his conduct had been "ungentlemanly" and said he was "sorry for the entire incident", but when offered the opportunity to make a public apology to Ms Washington, he declined.

Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford, who presided at Tyson's first trial, praised Tyson for taking the first steps towards rehabilitation, but said she had hoped to hear more self-criticism: "Your conduct, while not admitting guilt, was inexcusable. I have not heard you say that."

Tyson was sentenced to six years in prison and the decision to reject the boxer's appeal means he is unlikely to be freed before May 1995, when his sentence expires.

A parade of witnesses, including Tyson's adoptive mother, prison teacher and other officials at the Indiana Youth Centre, came forward to testify to the new, kinder, gentler Mike Tyson.

His Islamic instructor and teacher, Muhammed Siddeeq, waxed lyrical over his pupil's character: "Mike is a magnanimous person. Mike is tender. Mike has a heart of gold and soft like an oyster."

He cited the numerous celebrities who had noticed the transformation of Tyson's character from a brutish, illiterate thug to a gentle, bookish creature.



Washington: "Picking her up was bad judgment"

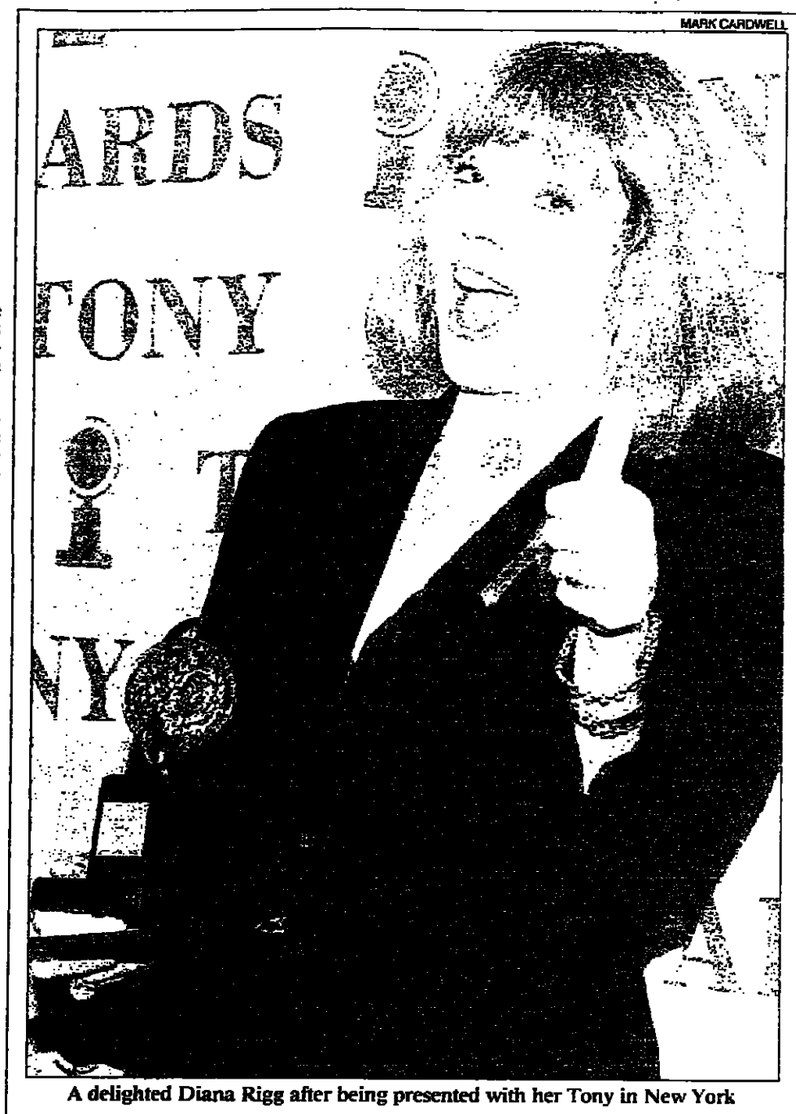
In his personal plea for a reduced sentence, Tyson acknowledged that the massive wealth and celebrity that came with winning the world heavyweight boxing title had made his conduct "not the most honourable. I was young. I was arrogant. We go off the deep end sometimes," he said.

Tyson's lawyers emphasised how far he had progressed with his studies after a bad start to prison life when he was cited seven times for violating prison rules during the first year of his sentence.

His petition said that Tyson had begun reading widely in history, biography, politics, poetry and fiction. "He has thought about the books he has read, making connections between these authors and their writings, his life, and his experiences of the world, which are indicative of real education in the best and truest sense of the word," his petition read.

However, while the list may show his reformed character, it perhaps also contains a clue to his lack of remorse. His favourite book is said to be *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, Harper Lee's classic novel about a black man unfairly convicted of rape.

MARK CARDWELL



A delighted Diana Rigg after being presented with her Tony in New York

Diana Rigg adds Tony to list of honours

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

DIANA RIGG, who was made a Dame in last week's Queen's Birthday Honours, was yesterday celebrating another honour after receiving the Tony award for the best actress in a play for her performance as Euripides's Medea.

Rigg, 56, best known for her role as Emma Peel in *The Avengers*, stunned audiences on Broadway with her portrayal of a woman who kills her children to spite her husband. Her performance had also won her *The Times* Readers Accolade for best West End actor and an *Evening Standard* drama award.

She said after the awards ceremony on Sunday that she hoped to act in more plays on Broadway.

Two other British revivals also won Tony awards. J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* took four awards, including best revival of a play, and the American musical *Carousel* won five awards, including best musical revival.

Stephen Sondheim's *Passion* won awards for best musical, best original score and best book. The show also won best actress in a musical for Donna Murphy as Fosca.

Perestoika, the second part of Tony Kushner's epic about Aids, *Angels in America*, won the Tony for best play.

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Wimbledon foils finals day ticket tout plot

BY JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A MAJOR ticket touting operation for the Wimbledon men's final day that involved applications in the names of pop stars and soccer players has been foiled.

Requests for 107 pairs of tickets at £98 each pair were made to the All England Club ballot under various false names, including those of the pop singers Phil Collins and Paul Young, and Ian Wright, David Seaman and George Graham of Arsenal football club.

The tickets would have been worth more than £267,500 on the black market had not club officials spotted the applications. Under All England Club rules, only one application per household is allowed to ensure that as many fans as possible have a fair chance of seeing tennis's premier event.

With the Wimbledon championships only a week away, touts were yesterday asking over £2,500 for a pair of the treasured tickets.

A spokeswoman for the club said: "We are determined to prevent touts getting hold of Wimbledon tickets and, with the help of the police, make life as difficult for the touts as possible during the championships themselves."

A man will appear before Wimbledon magistrates next Monday in connection with multiple ticket applications.

Wimbledon seedings, page 43

Asian PC wounded in racial attack

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE first Asian policeman to work in a Merseyside seaside town is recovering from a brutal racial attack that left him semi-conscious.

Constable Ijaz Ahmed lost three and a half pints of blood when two men set upon him in Southport town centre after taunting him with racial jibes.

Two men from Southport appeared before North Sefton magistrates yesterday charged in connection with the assault on PC Ahmed in the early hours of Sunday. A 24-year-old man was accused of inciting racial hatred and drunk and disorderly conduct. Another man, 22, was charged with assaulting a police officer and drunk and disorderly behaviour. Both were remanded on bail until July 8.

The attack on PC Ahmed, a former captain in the Pakistan army, took place outside a chip shop in the town centre. He had been called to deal with a drunken man and was driving him to the police station when three young men began shouting racial abuse at him.

When PC Ahmed got out of the car to speak to the men they began attacking him. He was kicked and punched and a bottle was smashed over his head before he was left for dead on the pavement. A police colleague later discovered the constable, who was semi-conscious and bleeding heavily from a severe head wound.

PC Ahmed, who has served in the force for two years and lives in Preston with his wife and three daughters, was released from Southport Hospital last night.

Vicar urges flock to shun adulterers

BY LIN JENKINS

A VICAR has told his congregation to shun two of their number who have left their partners and set up home together, quoting from the Bible to justify his stance.

The Rev Peter Irwin-Clark, 44, named the couple during his sermon on Sunday, when they were not in church, and referred to them, although not by name, in his newsletter.

The Eton-educated former barrister, who lists smoking cannabis among sins he has committed, believes that by ostracising the adulterous couple he is helping to save them from hell. He has also written to them about the "error of their ways".

Under the heading "A message from Peter, our vicar", he includes an instruction to his congregation at St James's, Shirley, Southampton: "In relation to the recent distressing news about two people in our church rebelling against God, all church members are reminded of I Corinthians 5 vII about not associating with them."

The passage, part of St Paul's letter, reads: "But now I have written unto you not to keep the company, if any man that is called a brother is a fornicator, or covetous or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard or an extortioner; with such a one no not to eat."

Mr Irwin-Clark said: "It is because I love them that I exercise church discipline. The Bible says that no immoral person will inherit the Kingdom of God."

He maintains that 90 per cent of the congregation is behind him. Gill Baynes, who is not, said: "I think he has been totally unfair. There is no way I would shun them. It would not be the Christian thing to do."

'Ouija board' appeal

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A DOUBLE murderer won the first round of his battle to have his conviction quashed yesterday after claims that three jurors used a Ouija board to "talk" to one of his victims before the jury reached its verdict.

But before deciding whether a full appeal against Stephen Young's conviction for the killing of a husband and wife can be heard, the Lord Chief Justice must decide whether the Court of Appeal has the power to inquire into a jury's deliberations.

The court will hear argument next week about whether events at a jury's hotel are outside the protection given to the deliberations of jurors in the jury room.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, sitting with Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Bell, told a preliminary hearing at the Appeal Court that the Contempt of Court Act banned anyone from inquiring into a jury's deliberations.

David Penry-Davey QC, for Young, said: "These are matters not just deserving of investigation, they are crying out for it." He said the issue was of fundamental significance.

Young, 35, an insurance broker, of Pembury, Kent, was jailed for life by Hove Crown Court in March.

Sex-calls firm blocks BT bid to cool hot line to Guyana

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BRITISH Telecom has been thwarted in its attempt to cut telephone links to a South American city that is operating a sex chatline service in Britain.

Direct dialling services to Georgetown, Guyana, were due to be suspended after the One-to-One Contacts company ignored an ultimatum from BT to close down.

But the chatline company, which is based in Dublin, Manchester and Guyana, has secured an injunction from the High Court to prevent the threatened action taking place. The matter will be resolved before a judge at a full hearing later this month. A preliminary hearing due yesterday was postponed until Friday.

The One-to-One Contacts service, which is advertised in the national press, breaches the strict guidelines set down by ICSTIS, the information line watchdog, because of the sexual nature of the calls.

The company does not use British 0898 numbers. Callers from Britain are directed to ring telephone numbers in the Virgin Isles, and then given Guyanan numbers for the chatline service, ringing up pounds in international calls in the process. The countries of origin were not stated in the advertisements.

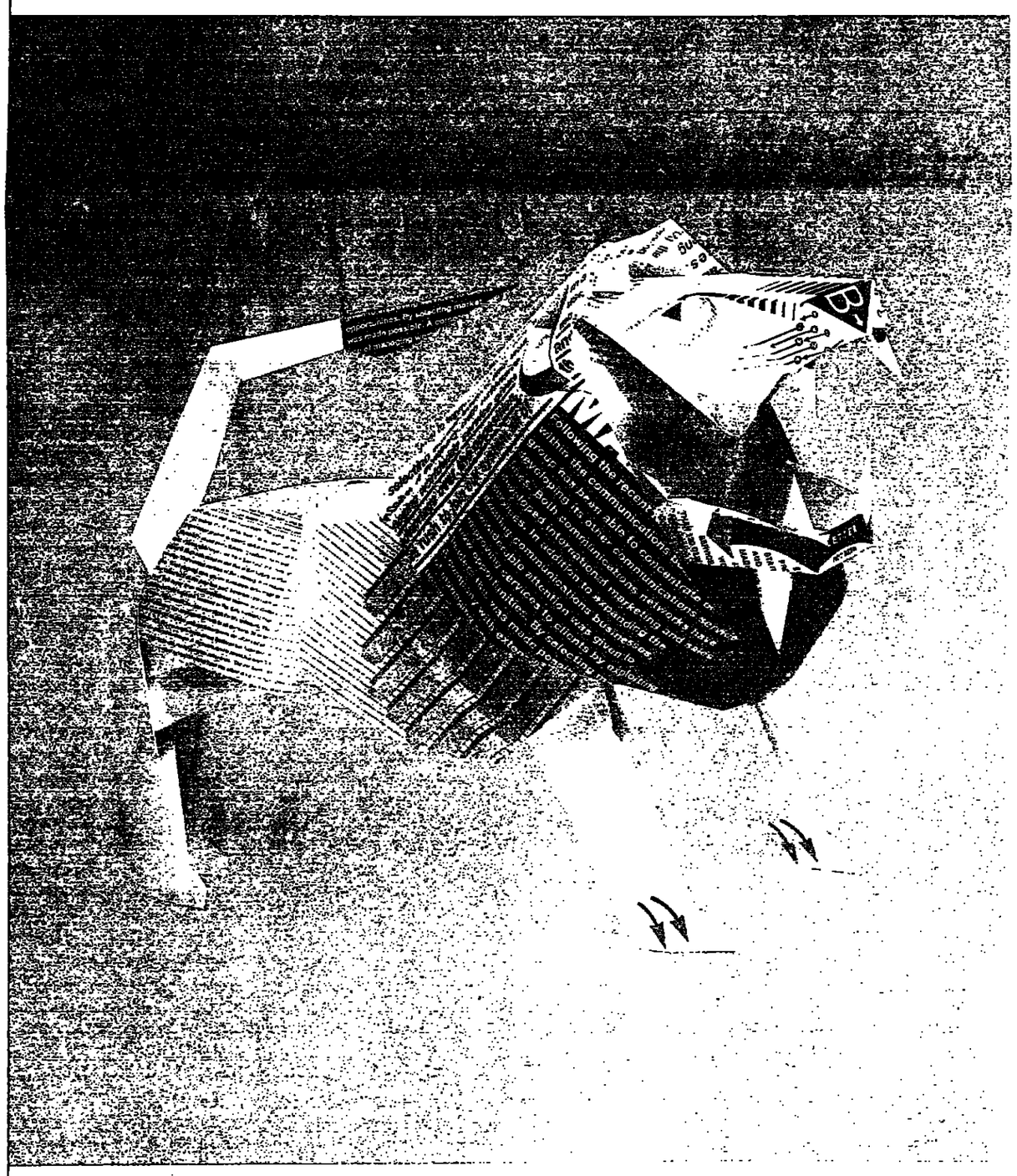
BT wanted to end the services, but because of the relatively unsophisticated routing between Britain and Guyana, it could not isolate the 52 numbers involved. The company told Guyana Telecom and Telephones that it would block direct dialling from Britain to every number in Georgetown, the capital, if the recorded sex lines were not put out of business. But the chatline company claimed that BT acted unfairly.

A High Court judge has granted an injunction preventing BT from taking action until he can hear both sides of the story.

The chatline company broke industry rules by advertising a sex line outside top-shelf publications — in the *Daily* and *Sunday Sport* newspapers.

A BT spokeswoman explained: "The stop on IDD calls to Georgetown would have lasted two or three days while we found ways to block the relevant numbers. In the meantime, calls to other numbers would have been put through the operator at international direct dialling costs."

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Mother's fast thinking saves baby with peanut allergy

BY CATHERINE MILTON

A BABY came within seconds of death after eating a peanut-butter sandwich in the latest incident of what doctors say is becoming an increasingly common allergy to such proteins.

Christopher Reeves, 1, began gasping for air and his face became swollen minutes after his sister Hannah, 2, gave him the sandwich. His mother, Helen, guessed that he was allergic to peanuts but did not know he was experiencing the most extreme and life-threatening reaction possible. Anaphylactic shock can kill in minutes and appears to be increasing.

Mrs Reeves, 29, from Woodley, Berkshire, said: "Christopher and his sister were sitting in the garden on Saturday evening, having their tea. Suddenly Hannah piped up and said she had given Chris one of her peanut-butter sandwiches. I looked over at him and realised he was starting to swell up."

Mrs Reeves had never given Christopher peanut butter before because he had shown a similar but less dramatic allergic reaction to an egg some months before. She suspected that he might have more than one allergy.

"His eyes started to close up and his faced swelled," she said. "His lips ballooned up and I realised I had to act quickly. I dialled 999 and the ambulance controller was great. He reassured me and then the ambulance crew arrived within a couple of minutes, followed by a doctor.

"Christopher was looking extremely ill and I was very worried about him. We all knew that we had to get him to hospital quickly, before his windpipe swelled and stopped him breathing," she said.

Graham Groves, the ambulance controller who took the call, said it was Mrs Reeves's prompt reaction which saved Christopher.

He said: "Someone who wasn't so quick-thinking might have waited to see whether he was going to get worse before calling for help. Helen did exactly the right thing. In those situations seconds count."

Tom Sanders, Professor of Nutrition at King's College London, said allergic reactions to proteins, such as those found in nuts, seemed to be more common in recent years.

"A recent British study of about 10,000 people found that more than one in a hundred reported adverse reactions to nuts. The extreme reaction or anaphylactic shock is far less common, affecting between one in ten thousand and one in a hundred thousand people."

He said it was not clear whether people were simply eating more nuts or whether the population was becoming more prone to developing allergies.

"The latter is probably true. You could draw parallels with asthma, which also appears to be on the increase," he said. "One theory is that it may be due to differences in the consumption of dietary fats. In particular, the intake of poly-unsaturated fats has risen."

Professor Sanders said babyfood manufacturers had been aware of the problem for some years and some retailers had started labelling products that contain peanuts. Bee stings, soya products and eggs were among products that could cause similar reactions.

JULIAN HERBERT



The Princess Royal and the Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle yesterday

Smiling Princess exudes regal poise at ceremony

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DEMOCRACY may have blown the cobwebs from the lower reaches of the honours system, but its pinnacle remains as exclusive as ever. There is little use in writing to John Major with a nomination for the Order of the Garter.

The Queen, in whose gift England's highest order of chivalry firmly remains, yesterday installed the Princess Royal into the order, one of the few female members of the Royal Family to be so honoured and a potent indication of the high regard in which the monarch holds her only daughter.

Being admitted to the Garter has led to speculation in some quarters, dismissed by Buckingham Palace, that the Princess is destined to play a much more prominent royal role in future, including acting as consort to the Prince of Wales on important public occasions, now that his estranged wife has more or less withdrawn.

Several thousand people, basking in the heat of a June afternoon, crowded around the precincts of Windsor Castle to watch the traditional royal procession from the state apartments to St George's Chapel for the service of installation for new knights.

The Princess Royal was escorted by the Prince of Wales while her husband, Commander Timothy Laurence escorted the Queen Mother, obliged by advancing years to abandon the usual walk and travel by car for the first time. Commander Laurence helped her from the car at the chapel door and handed her a gold-topped walking stick.

Installation into the order takes place at a private ceremony in the castle earlier in the day, at which the Queen buckles the garter below the left knee of male recipients. Lady members are spared the indignity, and have it attached to the left arm.

Those new male knights companion who received the garter on the knee yesterday were Sir Ninian Stephen, a former governor-general of Australia, Lord Ashburton (formerly Sir John Baring, chairman of British Petroleum) and Lord Kingsdown (formerly Robin Leigh-Pemberton, immediate past governor of the Bank of England).

Walking in procession with their new members were many existing knights, including the former prime ministers Sir Edward Heath and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx was absent through age and frailty; Baroness Thatcher, who might have been expected to be installed after the longest service in Downing Street this century, has not been offered the honour.

After the service, the Princess Royal, in her blue and crimson garter robes and smiling broadly under her black bonnet with white plume, rode back to the castle in an open carriage with Commander Laurence, while the Prince of Wales rode with the Queen Mother. However much the Palace might deny the speculation on her future role, the Princess Royal looked every inch a Queen.

Eurotunnel guinea-pigs warned of 'hitches'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

PEOPLE invited to sample the Channel Tunnel from the middle of next month have been told to prepare for the occasional British Rail-style hitch.

Eurotunnel said yesterday that selected travellers, who took their cars through the tunnel as pioneers of a system that needed running in, could be vulnerable to "teething problems".

The admission that there could be breakdowns follows two hold-ups to freight trains on May 19 and May 21 and a real breakdown during an evacuation rehearsal involving 800 people.

Eurotunnel expects to receive an operating certificate for its passenger vehicle shuttle service in four weeks, when it will begin to operate a three-month "overture service", by invitation only, at a reduced fare. It will be intended for the company's 600,000 shareholders, business partners, the media, the travel trade, and other influential groups.

A spokesman said: "Many people have phoned to say they would like to be guinea-pigs but the overture service is not for Joe Public. There are teething problems but none of them has been that bad. Problems could occur, without risk to anyone, because this is a new system which has to be properly run in and checked.

"There are bound to be little glitches but we have to follow procedures. With trains you can stop to check. You can't do that with ferries or aircraft."

The company pointed out that three incidents represented a good record against nearly 700 shuttle runs through the tunnel.

In October, when Eurotunnel is satisfied that it has enough capacity to offer a tested and reliable service, a full shuttle turn-up-and-go service will be offered for passenger vehicles.

Immigrant detention centres cut to five

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to cut the number of prisons holding immigration detainees from 41 to 5 in an attempt to provide better facilities for them.

Hundreds of detainees will be moved to newly designated centres at the end of the month with the aim of giving them improved language and other services.

The five centres will be Birmingham, Holloway and Rochester jails, the privately run Doncaster prison and the Haslar holding centre at Gosport, Hampshire. The centres will be able to hold 500 detainees.

Derek Lewis, director-general of the Prison Service, said the changes would allow the Government to focus resources. "The immigration and nationality department will be able to provide more language, translation and support services for foreign nationals." Immigration staff would be available to visit each of the jails on a daily basis.

Rochester prison in Kent will provide 200 places, Haslar 165, Birmingham 65, Doncaster 30, and Holloway 30 for women.

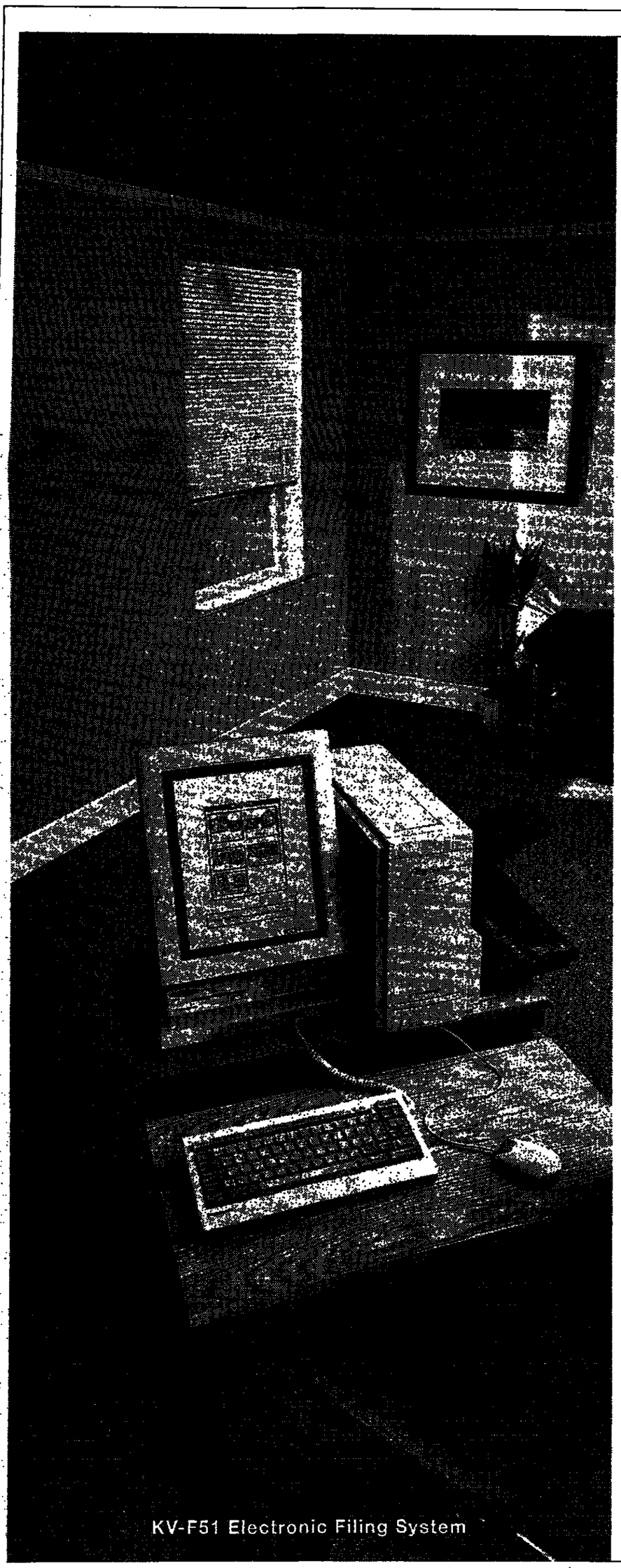
☐ The Home Office admitted yesterday it had no idea of the whereabouts of more than 250 Jamaicans who arrived in Britain in December for four-week holidays but failed to board charter flights home.

The only way immigration officers will discover if any have failed to return is if the Jamaicans are detained for criminal offences or found working or claiming social security in Britain.

A Home Office spokeswoman said it had no system for tracking the nine million visitors entering Britain every year. "It would cost at least £100 million to set up such a system and would cause immense delays at entry ports."

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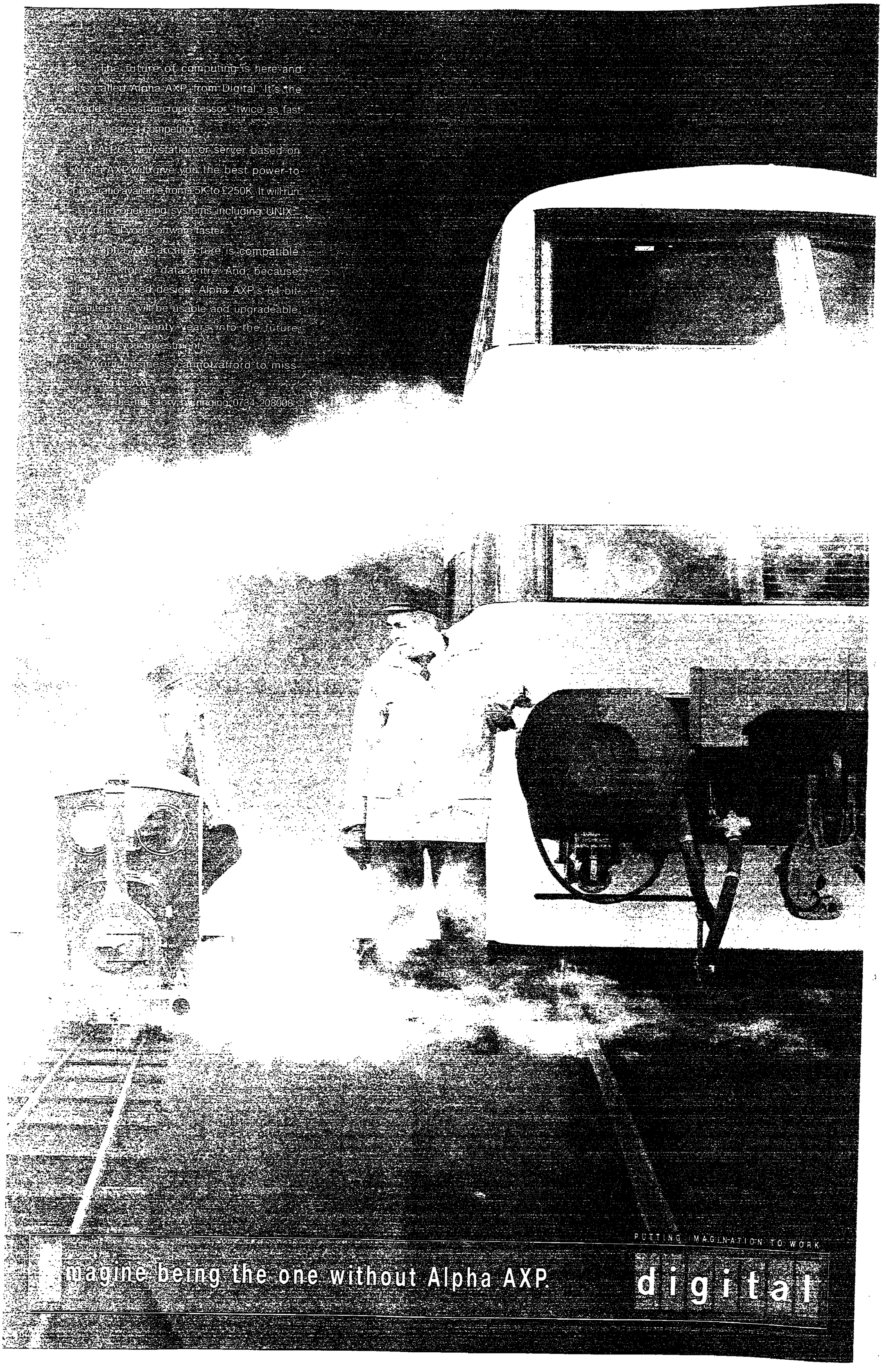
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Local government commission bows to public choice

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

HUNTINGDONSHIRE will be recreated, Oxford and Cambridge will keep control of their affairs and parish councils in Kent will have new responsibilities under measures proposed by the Local Government Commission.

The Government is unlikely to be keen on yesterday's proposals. David Curry, the local government minister, has indicated that he favours the setting-up of unitary authorities. However, since the High Court ruled that the Government was exceeding its powers in trying to influence the review, the commission has been readier to consider the status quo.

Last week, members recommended returning to Rutland and the city of Leicester their autonomy while preferring to see the rest of Leicestershire remain unchanged. Yesterday's announcements show the commission is prepared to recommend the status quo in three of five counties. In looking at Cambridge, Cheshire, Cumbria, Kent and Oxford, commissioners have been influenced as much by tradition and local opinion as by the Department of Environment's wish for a uniform and theoretically cheaper system for running the shires.

In many cases, the preference is for unitary authorities but everywhere the commission is prepared to keep open the option of retaining existing structures if that is what the public want. That could now happen because the commission has invited the public to challenge its ideas.

All households in the areas concerned are being sent a questionnaire, to be completed in two months. The results will be considered by the commission in preparing recommendations for the Government. There are signs that the public prefer little or no change, for instance in Oxfordshire and Kent, according to surveys of the counties.

The commission proposes new parish councils in much of east Kent.

The Association of District Councils, said the proposals showed a welcome move towards unitary authorities. However, the association was concerned that its ideas for more all-purpose authorities had not been adopted.

The Association of County Councils, which broadly favours the status quo, yesterday welcomed the pragmatic approach and range of choice being put forward by the commission although it was unhappy about proposed mergers between districts to create unitary authorities.

The commission's proposals are:

☐ Cambridgeshire: commission's preference — three unitary authorities based on Huntingdonshire, Peterborough and the Fens, the city and county of Cambridge.

Options: two unitary councils based on the city and county of Cambridge, Peterborough and Huntingdonshire; or four unitary authorities based on the city and county of Cambridge, the Fens, Huntingdonshire, Peterborough city.

☐ Cheshire: preference — five unitary authorities based on Warrington, Chester with Ellesmere Port, Halton, Crewe with mid-Cheshire and Macclesfield with Congleton.

Options: five unitaries with slightly different boundaries; or Warrington unitary authority and status quo for rest of the county.

☐ Cumbria: preference — two unitary authorities: South Cumbria based on Barrow in Furness, South Lakeland and parts of Copeland and Shap, and North Cumbria covering the rest of county.

Option: three unitaries — South Cumbria; Carlisle and Eden; and West Cumbria covering rest of county.

☐ Kent: preference — two unitary authorities based on Dartford with Gravesham and Rochester with Gillingham, plus status quo for the rest of the county.

Options, seven new unitary authorities; or six new unitary councils; or retaining the entire present structure.

☐ Oxford: preference — three unitary authorities based on Oxford city, Northern Oxfordshire, Southern Oxfordshire.

Options: one unitary council for county; or status quo.

IAN SUMNERS



Firemen survey the damaged pyramid stage at Glastonbury festival, which is now thought to have been set alight deliberately

Fire hits Glastonbury festival

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FIRE that destroyed the pyramid stage used at the Glastonbury festival for 13 years is thought to have been started deliberately.

People living near the site at Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset, heard a commotion a few hours before the pyramid was found burning just after 4am yesterday.

The fire was first thought to have been started by an electrical fault, but Chris Marchmont, a spokesman for Somerset fire brigade, said investigators had not ruled out arson.

"Having now spoken to a number of local people we are inclined to think it more probable that the fire was started deliberately," Mr Marchmont said.

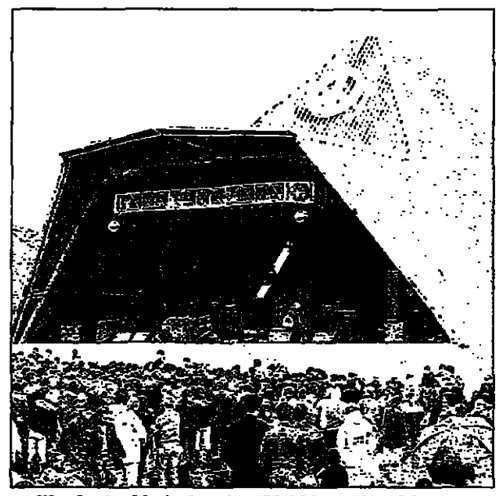
The festival's organiser, farmer Michael Eavis — whose construction of corrugated iron and telegraph poles doubled as a cow shed — said: "The show will go on as planned and I am having a temporary stage installed." The festival is expected to attract 80,000 visitors between June 24 and 26 to see Peter Gabriel, Elvis Costello, Björk, The Pretenders, Johnny Cash and The Spin Doctors.

A 45-metre-high wind turbine that is being installed at the festival site today will be used to generate the power for the music and stage lighting.

However, the wind-powered generator needs a breeze of at least 11 miles an hour to operate. Failing this, the diesel generator, which has been traditionally used at the festival, will be pressed back into service.

"We have to be practical about this. The music has to go on even if there's no wind," admitted a spokeswoman for wind power developers EcoGen.

"But we're hoping that it works out because no big rock stage has ever been powered by wind before."



The festival in its heyday: 80,000 are due this year

Army attacked over beach mine blasts

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ARMY explosives experts were criticised yesterday for trying to blow up mines on a beach when the tide was coming in. Eight boxes of mines were washed away and one is still missing with 90 of the devices feared scattered.

After a two-month investigation, a committee of inquiry could not decide whether the tide was totally to blame, or there had been a misfiring or the nearby exploding of another batch of mines had sent the boxes towards the water. The committee agreed, however, that the final decision to detonate a number of cases began too close to the moment when the tide was about to cover the sand on the Essex beach.

On March 29 piles of anti-personnel mines, due for disposal, were being detonated by controlled explosions at the Army's proof and experimental establishment at Shoeburyness.

The alarm was raised when mines started appearing on beaches along the coast over the next few days. Police helicopters and launches searched 150 miles of beach and the public was warned to be on the lookout. A Defence Ministry spokesman said that seven of the missing boxes of mines had been recovered. However, an undamaged pack of detonators was picked up, indicating that the eighth box had broken up, scattering its contents. The ministry official said: "Without their detonators, there is no specific danger to the public." Jonathan Aitken, the Defence Procurement Minister, said trials had shown that heat or pressure would not detonate the missing mines.

The inquiry committee's report said: "Shoeburyness has an excellent record, built up over many years, for handling and firing explosives safely. The incident on March 29 is an unfortunate blemish on that record but the right lessons have been learnt and action is being taken to prevent a recurrence."

Lawyers seek to cut cost of biggest cases

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

REFORMS to the funding of big legal actions — such as the recent tranquilliser claims involving 13,000 people — are called for today by the Legal Aid Board.

In a report to the Lord Chancellor prompted by the £35 million legal aid costs for those abortive actions, the board suggests that some multi-party disputes would be better dealt with outside the courts. Claims involving drugs could be heard by an investigative tribunal staffed by more medical specialists than lawyers or judges, it says.

Where multi-party disputes are handled by the courts, the board wants the central issues studied rather than each claim investigated in detail.

The board says of the tranquilliser litigation, which went on for six years: "Enormous costs were incurred without any of the claims coming to trial or any tangible benefit being produced for the claimants." Instead of each individual claim being investigated, claimants would join a register of people with similar actions from which a sample would be picked for trial to be looked at in detail.

In the tranquilliser cases, in which claimants alleged addiction to various brands of drug, 90 per cent of the legal aid costs was spent on investigating and processing each claim.

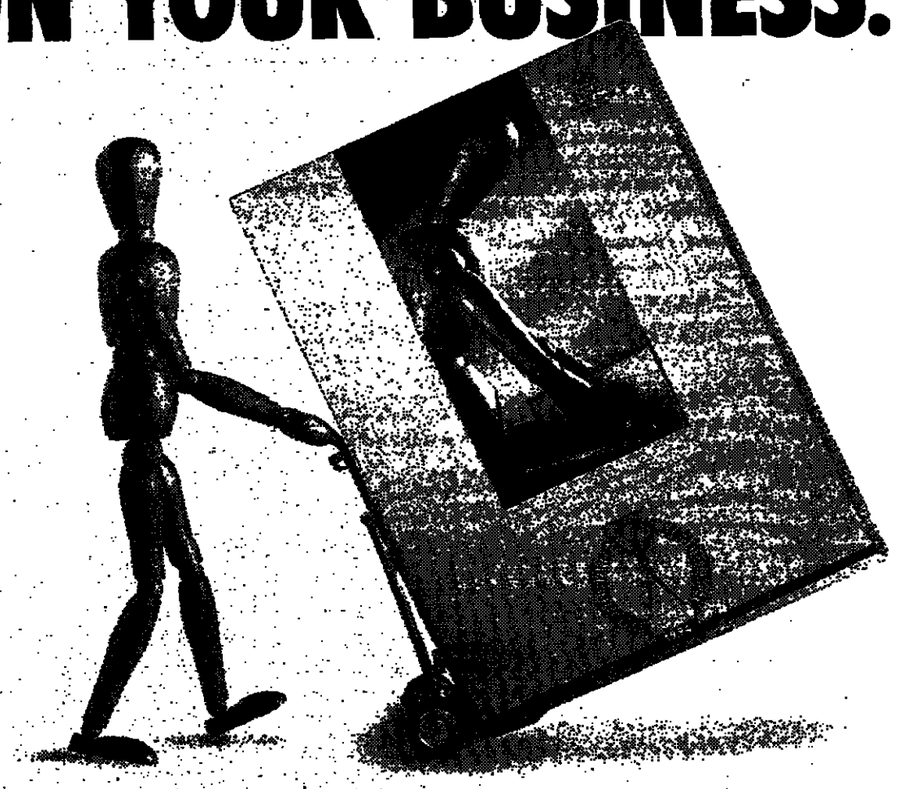
The board also suggests a less narrow test for the granting of legal aid in multi-party actions to take into account the wider public interest of a claim.

George Pulman QC, chairman of the board's civil legal aid committee, said the changes aimed to provide better access to justice for a lower cost in such actions.

☐ *Issues arising for the Legal Aid Board and the Lord Chancellor's Department from Multi-Party Actions* (Legal Aid Head Office, Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8AA)

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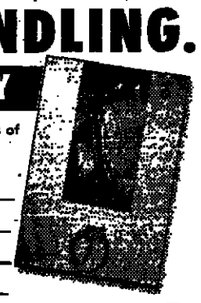
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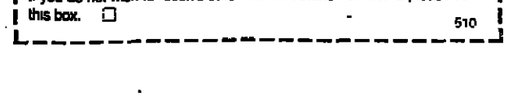
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Teachers and parents reject 'Janet and John' charter

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE new Parent's Charter has been rewritten by John Patten, the Education Secretary, to avoid giving patronising advice about how children should be brought up.

The charter, to be published today and distributed to 20 million households, has been redrafted following criticism that the back-to-basics message of an early draft was condescending.

The initiative, which has cost more than £2.1 million, has been dogged by controversy, mishap and delay. Education ministers were angry that 17,000 copies of the charter were delivered "in error" last week by the Post Office, almost wrecking the promotional campaign.

Parents' and teachers' groups yesterday dismissed the charter as toothless and a waste of taxpayers' money. They said the 30-page glossy pamphlet was a missed opportunity that stated the obvious instead of enshrining new rights.

The charter, published two years ago, was expected to emphasise that parents have responsibilities as well as rights. Mr Patten has frequently urged parents to turn off the television and spend 15 minutes each day reading with younger children, to foster moral and spiritual values and ensure pupils that arrive at school properly dressed, on time, after a good breakfast.

The charter concentrates on explaining government education policies and says relatively little about the role of the home in education. It says: "It is true that discipline begins at home. Children learn a great deal in their early years. This means that parents, relatives and friends have a big responsibility. As all parents know, children can be very quick to copy an example, good or bad."

The charter reminds parents they have a legal responsibility to ensure children attend school: "But you can do a lot more than that. For example by supporting the school's policy on homework and behaviour you can help the school to run efficiently and to develop pupils' potential."

Margaret Morrissey, of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said the charter read like a *Janet and John* book.

She criticised Mr Patten for failing to consult the association, which represents eight million parents. "We want to strengthen parental rights by, for example, ensuring every school is given help to provide a room for parents to use daily and encourage greater involvement."

Margaret Tulloch, of the Campaign for State Education, said the revised charter was a missed opportunity that would leave parents feeling sour.

She said: "If the Government can write charters to make the trains run on time and cut hospital waiting lists, why has it done nothing to reduce class sizes, ensure children have nursery education and a roof over their heads that does not leak?"

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, dismissed the charter as irrelevant. He said: "It does not contain a single guarantee about the issues parents care about most — there is nothing about keeping class sizes below 26, about books and equipment and nothing about ensuring school buildings are safe."

Mr McAvoy said: "Mr Patten has not even had the courage of his convictions. Instead of asking parents to read to their children regularly and taking more responsibility for education, he has ended up talking down to them in a mindless and banal way."

Mr Patten, in a report to the Prime Minister in December, said that the revised charter would bring greater responsibility to parents. He said: "If schools fulfil their side of the bargain, parents must do so as well. It's their duty to take an active role in the upbringing of their children. Schools need their support to back their policies on behaviour, 100 per cent attendance, homework and dress code."

The Education Department said that at no stage was the charter going to recommend that parents give their children a good breakfast before school. A spokeswoman said: "It's really quite a sensible document."

MICHAEL POWELL



Patricia Gilkison, a curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, with a gold armband, probably made in northern Greece about 200 BC, to be shown at the British Museum during a four-month exhibition from June 22

Car side-impact bars 'useless'

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SIDE-IMPACT bars, one of the latest safety devices installed in cars, could prove useless in a crash and cause more harm than good, according to motor safety experts.

An estimated 100 people a week are killed in side-impact crashes across Europe, many caused by the bars being forced into the cabin, hitting drivers and passengers.

Motor manufacturers and members of the European Union's motor vehicle working group are in conflict over what measures should be taken to protect motorists in legislation due next year.

The only European directive involves cars crashing head-on into a concrete wall. As a result manufacturers have developed elaborate impact-absorbing structures from the front bumper to the passenger compartment. But the safety cages, seat belts and airbags are designed for head-on impacts and are largely useless when a vehicle hits the driver or passenger door.

Professor Adrian Hobbs, head of accident investigation at the Transport Research Laboratory and a member of the European safety group, wants manufacturers to fit doors which help push passengers away from the impact without causing injury. "People think that a stiffer door will keep the impact away but it means that you are hit by a stiffer, stronger object," he said.

Car manufacturers and scientists are divided over the most effective way of carrying out a test on car side-impacts, primarily over the height of barriers which would be driven into doors.

James Roberts, senior researcher for the Consumers' Association, said: "It has taken all this time to get this far and now there is still arguing over the regulations almost at the last minute."

☐ A woman is suing Nissan for more than £50,000 for alleged negligent design after she fractured her pelvis and legs when her Nissan Cabstar van was in a low-speed collision with a crop sprayer. Tina Shelton, 27, of Nottingham, claims that the vehicle was manufactured with insufficient consideration for the protection of the driver.

Government agrees to cut sulphur pollution

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

■ John Gummer will today announce the reversal of a long-standing policy, but will still fail to satisfy environmentalists

BRITAIN will today agree to big reductions in sulphur pollution from power stations, oil refineries and other industrial plants.

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is due to reverse long-standing policy by agreeing to targets for sulphur reduction. He will sign a protocol in Oslo which will commit Britain to reduce sulphur emissions by 80 per cent of their 1980 levels by 2010.

Yesterday environmentalists described the new targets, negotiated through the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, as inadequate. Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Swedish NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain said the targets were not tough enough to deal with the problem of sulphur emissions, which would still be much too high.

However, agreeing to the targets represents a radical change of direction for the Government. When the 1985 Sulphur Protocol was negotiated, calling for a 30 per cent reduction in 1980 levels by 1993, Britain refused to sign. Today Mr Gummer will point out that in spite of that refusal, Britain's output of sulphur pollution fell by 37 per cent. "These figures show that the UK has made real strides in tackling acid rain," Mr Gummer said. "But we can and must go further on transboundary air pollution. The new and long-term targets will not only substantially deal with acidification problems in this country but will benefit our European neighbours as well."

Most sulphur pollution comes from big combustion plants operated by power generating companies, oil refineries and other industrial concerns. Traces of sulphur in the coal and oil the plants burn is converted into sulphur dioxide and then into sulphuric acid, a major contributor to acid rain.

The new protocol is the first to set individual targets for different nations. Germany will make the sharpest reductions, of 87 per cent from 1980 levels by 2005, largely due to reductions from plants in the former East Germany.

Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Austria will follow with cuts of 80 per cent by 2000. Greece and Portugal will make only token cuts of 3 or 4 per cent as their soils are rich in calcium, which neutralises acid rain. Canada will agree to a 30 per cent reduction while the United States will not sign, arguing that its Clean Air Act gives similar protection to the cuts planned — a claim questioned by environmentalists.

Mr Gummer will also announce today that Britain is to ratify the protocol on volatile organic compounds (VOCs), emitted by cars, petrol stations, solvent use, oil refining, industrial processes and food manufacture. Such solvents contribute to the formation of low-level ozone, which can damage health and slow the growth of plants. Britain has signed the protocol, which calls for a 30 per cent reduction in VOCs by 1999, measured against 1988 levels.

Friends of the Earth said yesterday that in spite of Mr Gummer's commitment, Britain was still lagging behind other countries, some of which were a decade ahead.

MPs fear Britons get rough justice

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

A BRITON faces between two and four years in a Spanish jail before he knows if he is to face a charge of attempting to smuggle drugs.

Cynog Dafis, Plaid Cymru MP for Ceredigion and Pembroke North, is to convene a meeting of about a dozen MPs this week over concerns at the long delays and conditions suffered by constituents in jails on the Continent.

Philip Clarke, 19, is one of more than 30 cases involving Britons in Spain to be considered by a cross-party group of MPs alarmed at the variations in treatment under the criminal justice systems within the European Union.

Mr Clarke was arrested four months ago at a bus station after a bag beside him was found to contain 10kg of cannabis. He says the bag belonged to a French woman sitting near him and was later found to be stuffed with women's clothing.

Mr Clarke, from Rhyl, Clwyd, who has no criminal convictions, has been told that surety for any bail could be fixed at £250,000, beyond the means of his parents Ralph and Suzanne Clarke. They were unaware of his plight until eight days after his arrest on February 24, when he managed to get a letter to them. He was not allowed a telephone call and the Foreign Office was apparently not informed of his arrest.

Mr Clarke's father said last night: "It has been an absolute nightmare: the fact that you can't speak to him, you can't get any information out of them and when you do, finally, it takes so long."

Mr Clarke left England after dropping out of A-level studies on February 6 for a two-week holiday in Gibraltar. He had planned to look for work there to help him to travel through Europe. He found a temporary job and he decided to spend a weekend in Madrid. He crossed into Spain at La Linea and went to the bus station, where he met a young French woman.



Clarke: arrested four months ago

They were approached by two plainclothes police officers who checked their passports and searched his rucksack. They asked him to open a holdall that was between him and the woman. Mr Clarke said it was the woman's but two uniformed officers ordered him to open the bag at gunpoint. In it they discovered the cannabis. The girl denied knowledge of the bag and he was arrested.

Mr Clarke is in prison in Cadiz awaiting an application for a hearing, which could take two years.

Stephen Jakobi, of the legal pressure group Fair Trials Abroad, has written to the human rights unit of the European Parliament calling on it to examine the issue of bail and remand in Europe.



Worried police pay £40 for private self-defence lessons

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE officers are paying for private lessons in techniques for subduing violent criminals because they think the official courses are not good enough.

About 20 officers have signed up for a £40 one-day course organised by a company run by a former Metropolitan Police and City of London officer. Another 150 officers have made inquiries about the course, which offers techniques used in the United States and Japan.

Chief constables frown on outside training but senior members of the Police Federation, which represents 120,000 junior ranks, say privately that the course indicates the level of concern among officers about self-defence training. A federation survey published last month showed 9 per cent of constables were unhappy with self-defence training and the figure reached 75 per cent in London.

The decision by officers to pay for their own training is the latest example of unhappiness with the level of protection that forces have provided. Last year officers in some forces began to buy their own body armour, which forced chief constables to review equipment.

Injury levels are running at 18,000 a year around the country and in London the past year has seen a significant rise in serious injuries. Many officers report suspects prepared to resist arrest, even in minor cases.

Mike Finn, one of the course organisers, said: "Officers obviously feel there is a need to learn more. The course gives them the opportunity to make arrests and minimise injury to themselves. The idea of the course is to supplement what the officers have learnt."

Students learn to put together techniques on restraining an attacker and the use of batons and handcuffs, which are not co-ordinated in police training. Mr Finn said one technique would show how a lock precisely applied on the attacker's arm could immediately immobilise them.

Officers are taught to try to pre-empt knife attacks by observing signs that a criminal is reaching for a hidden blade. The police officer would put a lock on the criminal and prevent him from drawing the knife. Unarmed when facing an attacker, there were various simple methods of defence that could be used.

Mr Finn said the time allocated for self-defence teaching during training was minimal. The course was started because conversations with police officers showed that many were unhappy that they could not rely on what they had been taught. Others had used the techniques that they had learnt and found they had not worked. Officers on the course include a number of trainers from forces.

Mr Finn said the methods taught in the course would comply with the legal restriction that officers could use only reasonable force on a suspect. The methods would not be illegal.

A spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers said that if police used techniques other than those approved by the Home Office and chief constables they might be challenged later in court. He said a review of self defence training was under way and there was no need for officers to buy their own training.



Employees of Air Liberté at Orly airport yesterday demonstrating their view of Britain's attitude towards European co-operation

French fight British Airways debut at Orly

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Storm clouds are gathering in Europe's crowded skies as rival airlines compete for access to the most popular airports**

BANNER-WAVING French airline workers delayed the first British Airways flight from Orly yesterday, drowning out airport announcements with a jazz band.

About 200 employees of Air Liberté promised to resume their demonstrations today in front of the BA check-in desk until given the right to fly to Heathrow. "We are fighting with the energy of desperation," Luc Bereni, the company's head, said. "We will not give up."

The small, private airline has been told that there are no Orly-Heathrow slots available. "In the eyes of everyone in the company, from the president to the baggage handlers, we are the victims of a terrible injustice," M Bereni said. He alleged that new slots were given to BA at Heathrow while other airlines were turned away.

"It may be liberty, but it is certainly not equality. We will do what we have to do to save our company."

An Air Liberté pilot demonstrating yesterday said that his airline's fares between London and Paris were 30 per cent cheaper than those of BA. "The English have got what they want. Why shouldn't we?" he asked.

The argument is the latest in a series deployed by French airlines and the French government to try to stop British and other foreign airlines from using Orly, which is closest to the centre of Paris and its business zone.

Air Liberté applied some time ago for take-off and landing slots at Heathrow and Gatwick, and although it was given permission to fly to and from Gatwick, it was told that Heathrow was full at the times it wanted to fly. Surprisingly, the airline did not appeal and try to take advantage of a procedure that is often successful.

Meanwhile, restrictions on aircraft size by the French led Air UK to abandon its plans to fly from Stansted to Orly six times a day. Like British Airways and the Department of Transport, Air UK is convinced that the French are trying to reserve Orly illegally. The company's directors met European Union officials in Brussels yesterday to press them to act.

The first British Airways flight to Orly was made by a Boeing 767 with 93 passengers. The demonstrations started when BA and its partner airline TAT tried to make a return flight. BA said: "The conduct of the Air Liberté staff is unhelpful and unnecessary, and we will take action through the courts if necessary to prevent it from disrupting our services."

Police drafted in reinforcements and arrested three demonstrators. Legal observers were called in to ensure European legislation was obeyed. The European Union insists that all Europe's airlines have a right to fly to Orly, although the French transport ministry says that airlines will be limited to four flights a day and must use aircraft with more than 200 seats.

Robert Ayling, BA managing director, said his airline would press ahead with their current four flights a day and the six flights a day they intended operating from the winter. "We believe this is going to be a very successful route, and the recent decisions both by the Commission and the French authorities have underlined our absolute right to fly to Orly."

Guardsmen deny murder

TWO soldiers accused of murdering a young man in Belfast were branded liars by a prosecuting lawyer at the start of their trial at Belfast Crown Court yesterday.

Peter McBride, 18, from Newlodge, was shot twice in the back as he ran along Upper Meadow Street, away from four soldiers of the First Battalion, the Scots Guards, who had been questioning him. Guardsmen Mark Wright, 2, and James Fisher, 28, who fired five shots, deny murdering Mr McBride on September 4, 192, saying that they opened fire after believing their lives were in danger.

Lord Justice Kelly was told the soldiers' claims were nothing more than a concoction and while it could not be determined who fired the fatal shots, that was irrelevant as they had been acting in concert.

In statements to police, made 12 hours after the shooting, the soldiers gave differing reasons for firing on the teenager. Guardsman Wright said his sergeant did not search Mr McBride before he suddenly made off after pulling out the sergeant's radio ear piece. He saw Mr McBride vault a wall and pull from his jacket what appeared to be a coffee-jar bomb. The soldier opened fire only when he believed Mr McBride had fired on him and other members of his patrol.

Guardsman Fisher said he heard his sergeant shout "Grab him" as the teenager ran off and opened fire because he thought that Mr McBride was going to throw a coffee-jar bomb. Counsel for the Crown, who cannot be named for security reasons, said: "Both are lying whey they said Mr McBride had a coffee-jar bomb and Wright is lying when he said Mr McBride fired shots."The trial continues.

£5,000 win for teacher in sex case

A TEACHER has been awarded £5,00 compensation for loss ofcareer prospects after provin: sex discrimination under :new European ruling.

An industrial tribunal decided ast year that Gillian Tickle was a victim of sex discrinination when Surrey Count Council decided not to renewher part-time contract. She ws replaced at Riverview First Shool, Ewell, Surrey, by a full-me teacher, which the National Union of Teachers succesfully argued last year was discriminatory because most part-timers are women.

Her union believes the tribunal: delayed compensation ruling is the first to take advanage of a European Courtjudgment extending the scope of awards for victims of sex discrimination to include an elenent for loss of career prospects, because of the time she took to find another job.

Before, victims could at best get compensation for hurt feelings, at worst a recommendation for re-instatement.

Fish farms threaten Ice Age veteran

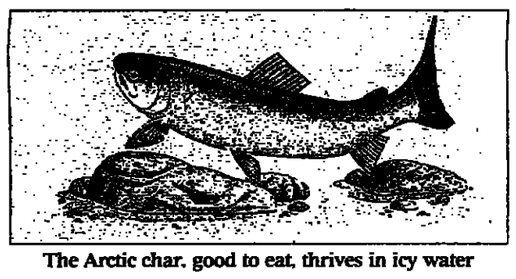
BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FISH farming is threatening pristine wild stocks of the Arctic char, a cousin of the salmon and the trout, which have evolved undisturbed in Scottish lochs and some English and Welsh lakes since the last Ice Age, ecologists say.

Scottish farmers are experimenting with imported Canadian char, rearing them in moored cages. Conservationists fear escaped fish will sooner or later breed with wild stocks, irreparably polluting a genetic resource.

Peter Maitland, a freshwater biologist who runs the Fish Conservation Centre at Stirling in Scotland, said: "When I heard that Canadian fish were being brought in I was aghast. There should be a complete ban on the import of foreign stocks. If farmers want to experiment they should use only native fish."

The Scottish Office's fisheries department said: "We are aware of the danger of escapes. We try to persuade farmers to refrain from experimenting close to native stocks, but provided foreign fish are intended for farming and not for release into the wild there is no legal bar on their import."



The Arctic char, good to eat, thrives in icy water

Ron Greer, a former government fisheries scientist who is now leading a crusade to protect the Arctic char, said: "So far we only know of one or two farms experimenting with Canadian imports, but the escape of just one farmed fish into the wild could be enough to destroy 10,000 years of evolution."

Pressure to exploit Arctic char is growing as fish farmers seek to diversify. The multi-million-pound salmon farming industry has been hit by falling prices caused by reckless over-production, chiefly in Norway but also in Scotland, where output has grown from almost nothing to more than 45,000 tons in little more than a decade.

Arctic char is not only excellent to eat but thrives in extremely cold water and is ideally suited to Scottish conditions. Scottish entrepreneurs are importing from Canada because the fish is already being successfully farmed there and they believe that is the way to get hold of the best breeding stock.

Mr Maitland, who will attend an international conference on Arctic char conservation at Trondheim in Norway this week, says escapes of imported stock are inevitable. "Enormous numbers of fish have escaped from salmon farms, more than a million of them in a single incident," he said.

What effect such escapes have had on wild salmon is still being studied. The impact on Arctic char will be more devastating because British stocks of the fish have been left alone for so long.They are thought to have come here about 10,000 years ago. As the ice receded the fish were left trapped in lochs and lakes. In warmer parts of Britain the fish died out, but there are still nearly 180 populations in the Scottish Highlands, ten in the Lake District and four in Wales, which have lived in isolation for thousands of years.

In those unusual conditions, the fish have begun to diverge genetically. In this country they have become purely freshwater fish, but in Norway, Iceland and Canada, Arctic char still run to the sea like salmon.

Charity jumper injured

A WOMAN was recovering at home yesterday after she became entangled in the elastic rope during a charity bungee jump.

The woman, who has not been named, received torn ligaments and a cut head after she was catapulted back to the crane platform from where she had jumped. She was taken to hospital but later released. Customers at the Cooper's Mill in Yeovil, Somerset, had been paying £20 each for the 180ft jumps in aid of cancer research.

Police halted further jumps and called in the Health and Safety Executive. A police spokesman said: "We understand the girl jumped somewhat incorrectly from the platform. It is thought the harness was not fitted correctly and she became entangled in the elastic rope. Thankfully the injuries were later discovered to be relatively minor."

Nobody at the pub was available for comment yesterday.

Judgment reserved in school bully case

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JUDGE reserved his decision yesterday in the case of a disabled student suing her local education authority over claims that she was the victim of psychological bullying by other pupils.

Becky Walker, 20, who is now studying law at Nottingham University, alleges that the treatment she received while at Bolsover School, Derbyshire, left her suffering form post-traumatic stress disorder and drastically affected her self-confidence.

Miss Walker, who was born with cerebral palsy, is claiming damages from Derbyshire County Council in what is widely regarded as a test case that could lead to a number of other similar legal actions over bullying.

She has told Nottingham County Court that she was subjected to a year-long campaign of whispering, staring and unkind behaviour by three other girls who allegedly resented her presence in the school band.

Miss Walker, of Hilltop Road, Bolsover, denied she was over-sensitive or that she had misinterpreted other peoples' actions.

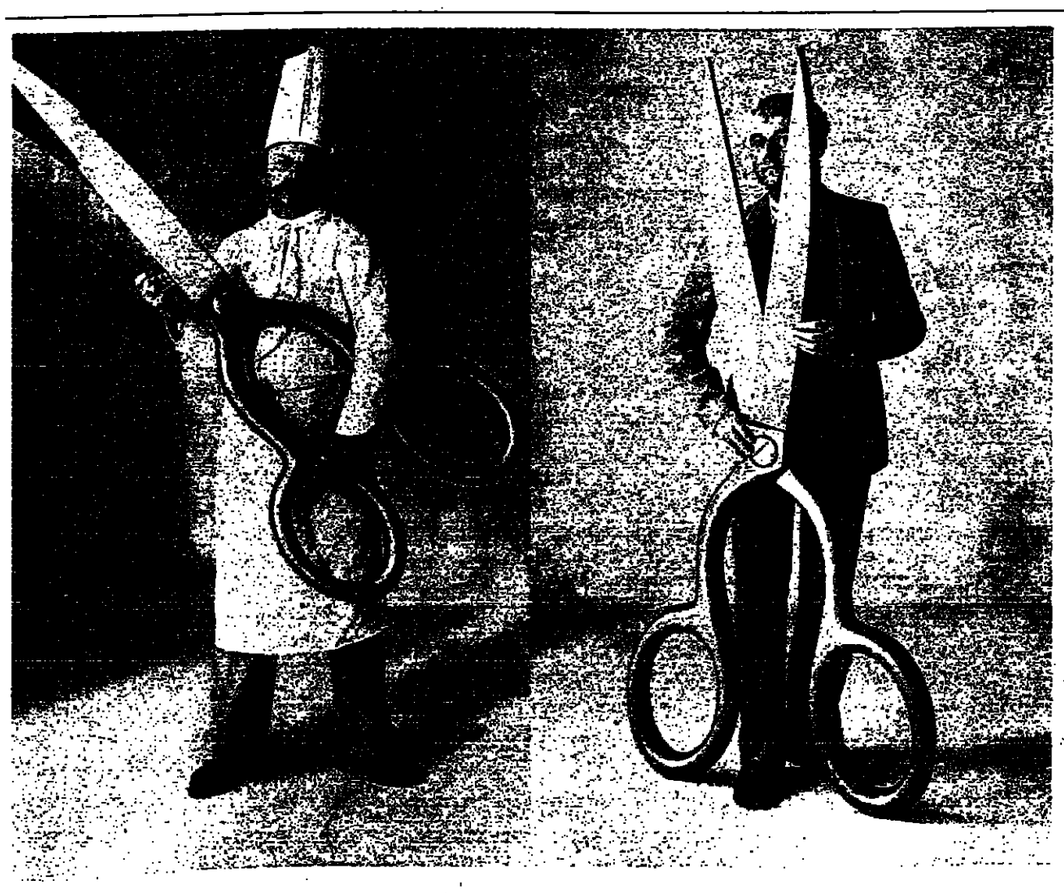
She maintained that David Gibbons, a senior teacher, ignored her pleas for help and took no effective action to stop the bullying.

However, yesterday Simeon Maskery, who appeared for the county council, argued that Miss Walker was not and had never suffered from post traumatic stress disorder.

He suggested that her condition was "no more or less than any ordinary human response to depressing events". It did not, he said, amount to damage in the legal sense.

Mr Maskery rejected claims that the local authority and Mr Gibbons were in breach of any duty of care.

Judge Thomas Heald said he would not deliver his judgment before July 7.



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Housing market recovering patchily

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

AN analysis of the housing market, conducted by *The Times*, reveals the patchiness of recovery, and explains the conflicting reports as to what is happening in the market.

House sales in London are shown to be booming, with price rises of up to 10 per cent this year, but many areas in the rest of the country remain depressed.

National figures, released by the Halifax and Nationwide building societies last week, mask this complexity. They painted a gloomy picture of unchanging prices and cautioned that the recovery may have run out of steam.

However, building society figures have their limitations, as the lenders admit. The building society indices are based on new mortgage offers. Yet only 63 per cent of the homeowners have mortgages, with the other 37 per cent of occupiers owning their property outright.

The building society indices also fail to reflect what is happening at the top end of the market: 56 per cent of the UK's housing stock is worth less than £70,000 but building societies make 75 per cent of their loans in this price bracket. More-expensive property tends to be funded with bank loans which are excluded from the monthly building society samples. "The 44 per cent of housing stock which is worth over £70,000 is therefore dramatically under-represented in the indices," Yolande Barnes, head of research at Savills, said.

Much London property in particular is worth more than £70,000. Prices in the capital are on target to grow by 25 per cent by the end of the year, Ms Barnes said.

"Too much emphasis has been placed on monthly figures and the picture presented by the Halifax is dangerously misleading. There is a great deal of evidence that house prices in certain sectors and certain areas are definitely rising," Ms Barnes said.

She said that the building society house price indices had averaged out rises and falls in different market places to produce nationwide figures. The Halifax has a larger sample size, reflecting its 20 per cent market share compared with the Nationwide's 10 per cent. The differences in their conclusions on the state of the market reflect the Halifax's dominance in the North and the Nationwide's origins in East Anglia, and different methods used to create a "composite" house so that like can be compared with like.

Ian Homersham, joint chairman of John D. Wood, said that the building society indices did not ring true. "The fact is that central London house prices have returned to the level of property values of 1989 and 1990 and in some cases have passed it."

Mr Homersham cited the example of a house sold by John. D. Wood in December 1989 for £480,000 in St Petersburg Place, by Kensington Gardens, west London. It was sold again, its condition unchanged, in April this year for £510,000.

In the summer of 1987, a house on Clapham Common Northside was sold for £242,500. It is now under offer at more than £290,000.

Chinese bid to become Scots laird

BY ANDREW PIERCE

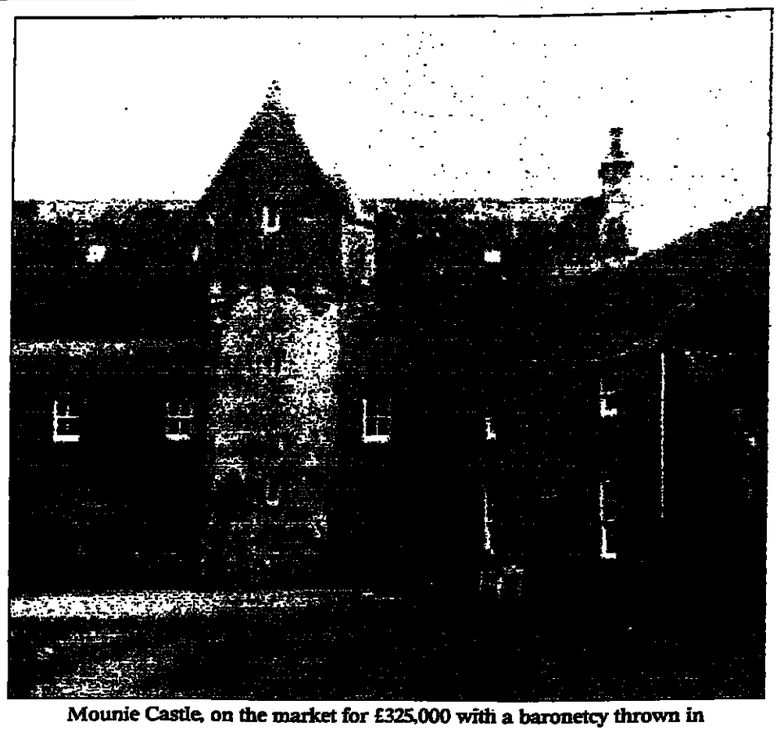
WEALTHY Chinese businessmen from Hong Kong are bidding against each other to become the next Laird of a Scottish castle likely to fetch well above its £325,000 asking price.

The successful buyer will become the next Baron Mounie and can pass on the title to future generations. Mounie Castle at Oldmeldrum, Grampian, built in 1641, is set in 15 acres with its own paddocks and stables.

David Alexander, the Edinburgh estate agent handling the sale at a Scottish property auction in Hong Kong, said: "It's the title of Baron they really want. One of the interested parties never even asked about the property."

Another has already viewed the castle, which has five bedrooms, a main hall, library, public room, kitchen and two bathrooms. The estate also includes a detached house. The final offer is expected to be around £400,000.

Buyers from the colony are snapping up everything from castles and mansions to penthouses and humble semi-detached houses. Six properties worth almost £1 million, including a £300,000 penthouse in Edinburgh, were sold by Mr Alexander at a property exhibition in Hong Kong without the buyers having seen them.The purchaser of Mounie Castle can legally be described as Baron of Mounie and can apply to the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, for the grant of armorial bearings. They then become the property of the baron and his family and can be inherited by the heirs and successors. The privileges of the Scottish baronage, which once included the right to sit in the Scottish Parliament, are now purely ceremonial and social.



Mounie Castle, on the market for £325,000 with a baronetcy thrown in

Prisoners make axe to escape

Two prisoners are on the run after hacking through their cell bars with a home-made axe. The public was warned not to approach Michael Baker, who was serving three years for robbery, or Shane Cooke, jailed for four years for violent disorder.

They were in a group of five prisoners who tried to escape from Featherstone Prison, Wolverhampton. The five cut through prison bars and escaped on Sunday.

They used the axe, made in the prison factory, to hack through a fence around the perimeter of the jail. Prison officers caught three but Cooke and Baker fled the prison grounds.

Tesco charge

David Francis Laws, 43, was remanded in custody when he appeared before Weymouth magistrates charged with trying to blackmail staff at Tesco stores into handing over £500,000 in cash and diamonds. A second man was released without charge.

Boy survives

Michael Collins, 3, of Leicester, escaped with cuts and bruises when he was thrown from an overturning car into the path of traffic on the opposite carriageway of the A50 at Groby, Leicestershire.

Cup defeat

Darren Clark, 22, England's representative at the Subbuteo World Cup in Chicago, was knocked out in the finals when he lost 1-0 to Germany. An apparent equaliser was ruled to have hit the crossbar.

Four killed

Four people were killed and three seriously injured when two cars collided head-on near Leek, Staffordshire. Police closed the road for seven hours.

Silver double

William and Doris Winkley, both 84, of Herne Bay, Kent, have each celebrated a second silver wedding. They married in 1969 after losing their spouses of more than 25 years.

Cone fishing

Newcastle City Council has declared a cone amnesty in an attempt to recover thousands of missing traffic cones. About 5,000 are stolen every year from roadworks.

Women priests face setback

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

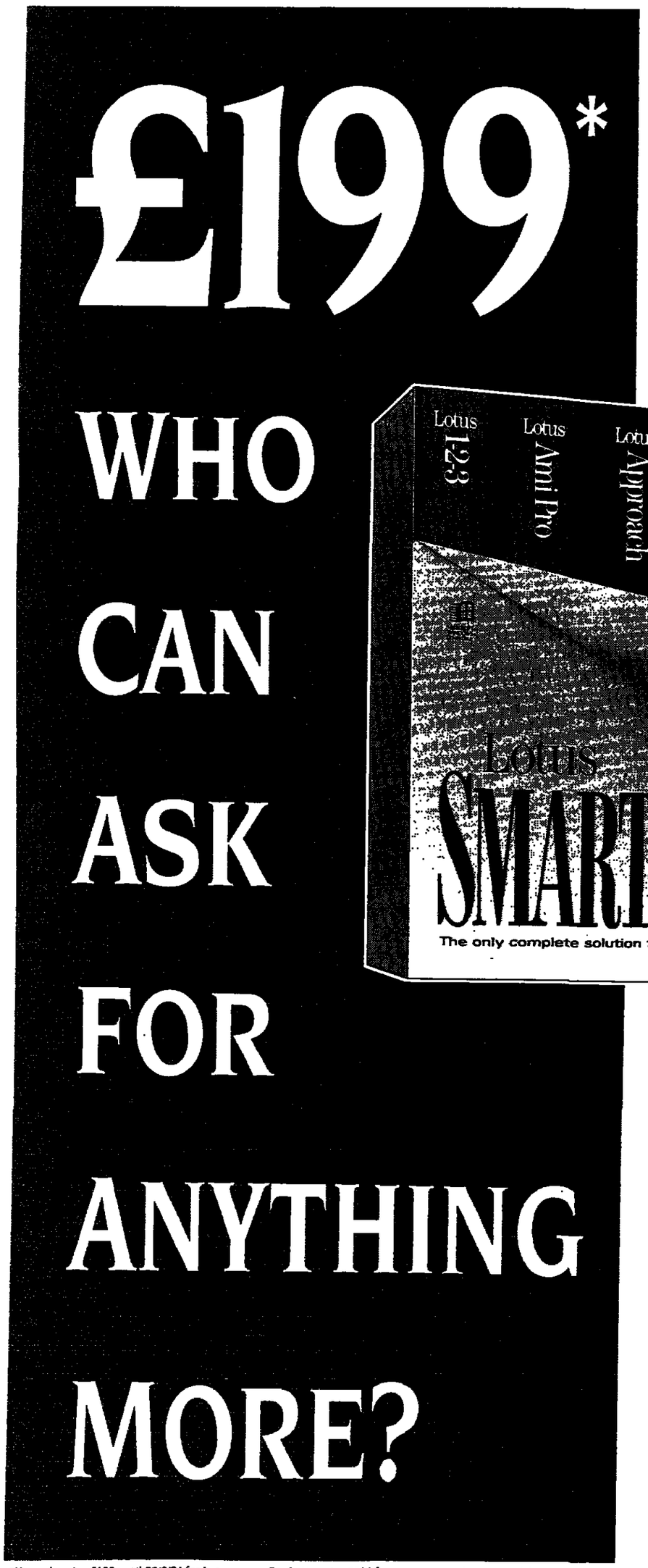
WOMEN priests seem increasingly likely to be rejected by the Anglican church in Scotland when its general synod meets this week.

The vote, which will determine the future of 64 women deacons hoping to become priests in the Scottish Episcopal Church, hangs in the balance because of opposition among the laity.

The Bishop of Aberdeen, the Right Rev Bruce Cameron, will urge the synod to accept women priests when it meets in Edinburgh on Thursday.

The vote, which needs a two-thirds majority from laity, clergy and bishops, is expected to be passed by the latter two but could fall in the first.

The Rev Eric Lindsay, vicar of Kilmacolm in the Glasgow diocese and founder of Affirming Apostolic Priesthood, the organisation which has led the opposition, said: "In England the church can survive a haemorrhage, but we cannot afford one."



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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Adams loses again

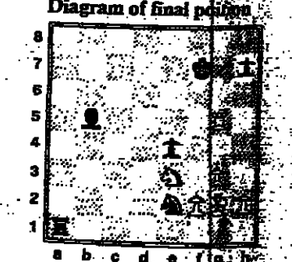
In the PCA/Intel World Chess quarter-finals in New York, Michael Adams of England was defeated in the fourth round, allowing his opponent, the Russian grandmaster Sergei Tiviakov, to draw level on two points each. The result was a blow to Adams, who had won the first two games of their contest and seemed certain at that stage to qualify. In a position that should have been a draw, Adams launched into dubious complications with his 34th move. His 39th move blundered away a piece. In the final position, with only one pawn for a bishop, Adams recognised the futility of proceeding and resigned.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Sergei Tiviakov
PCA/Intel World Chess Quarter-finals, New York, June 1994

Queen's Indian Defence

1	c4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	b6
4	g3	Bb7
5	Bg2	Be7
6	Nc3	0-0
7	0-0	Ne4
8	Bd2	f5
9	d5	Bf6
10	Qc2	Bxc3
11	Bxc3	exd5
12	cxd5	Bxd5
13	Rfd1	c6
14	Bb4	d6
15	Nh4	Na6
16	Ba3	Qg5
17	Bxe4	fxe4
18	Bxd6	Rf7
19	Ng2	Qf6
20	Bf4	g5
21	Be3	Nc7
22	Qc3	Qf5
23	a4	Na6
24	b4	Raf8
25	b5	cxb5
26	axb6	Rc7
27	Qb2	Bc4
28	Rd6	Re8
29	Rb1	Rg7
30	Rc6	Bd5
31	Rd6	Bc4
32	Rc6	Bd5
33	Rd6	Bc4
34	Bxb6	Nf4
35	Be3	Nxe2+
36	Kh1	Bd3
37	Ra1	Qxb5
38	Qxb5	Bxb5
39	Rxa7	Rxa7
40	Bxa7	Ra8
41	Rd5	Rxa7
42	Rxg5+	Kf7
43	Ne3	Ra1+
44	Kg2	White resigns

Diagram of final position



New York results
Anand v Romanishin, draw
Short v Gulko, draw
Kramnik v Kamsky, draw
Adams v Tiviakov, 0-1
Anand and Kamsky lead with 3 matches by 3 points to 1. The other two matches stand at 2-2.

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Lib Dems blame Labour optimists for sparing Tories

By Jonathan Prynn
Political Reporter

LIBERAL Democrat campaigners yesterday insisted they had created a platform for the next electoral challenge to the Tories in the South of England, despite failing to achieve a breakthrough there in the elections to the European Parliament.

A vast concentration of campaign resources was not enough to wrest a single South West seat from the Tories east of the Tamar in Devon. The results have dented Liberal Democrat ambitions to drive Labour out and establish the party as the challenger to the Tories in the region.

There was some consolation in the huge leap in support since the last European polls in 1989, which has taken the party from fourth to second place in the region, and turned Tory strongholds into marginals.

Across the South of England the Liberal Democrats polled 31 per cent of the vote, up from 11 per cent five years ago and only four points behind the Tories. However, the Labour vote increased by two points to 25 per cent. Liberal Democrat activists blame "wasted" Labour votes for letting Tory candidates hold on to seats in Dorset and Hampshire.

The first indication that this was not to be the night of big Liberal Democrat gains came at the Guildhall in Portsmouth, scene of the count for the Wight and Hampshire South constituency. The ballot papers piling up for Mike Hancock, the former SDP MP and current Liberal Democrat leader of Hampshire county council, were failing to keep pace with those for his Tory opponent, Roy Perry. The result, announced at about 11pm, set the trend across the South. A huge leap in the Liberal Democrat vote from 18,942 to 58,205 had fallen 5,000 votes short of victory.

Mr Hancock was disappointed but "not overly pessimistic about the result". He had been surprised by the Tories' effort to get their vote out and by the resilience of the core Labour vote. "We were caught up in the national political climate and sometimes you are just unable to buck that," Mr Hancock said.

In the adjacent seat of Itchen, Test and Avon, where the Liberal Democrats were less than 7,000 votes behind the Tories, Tony Barron, the defeated candidate, said he was "disappointed not to have won but elated with the result". It had made the seat a marginal and given the party an excellent platform from which to launch its local election campaign next May.

Mr Barron blamed the media for giving voters the impression Labour could win in southern seats: "There are going to be a lot of very disappointed Labour voters today when they realise they could have got the Tories out by voting Liberal Democrat."

In Dorset and East Devon, Philip Goldenburg, another defeated Liberal Democrat candidate who came close to toppling a Tory, was also trying to look on the bright side. "We had a mountain to climb," he said. "We needed a 20 per cent swing and we got 19½ per cent." He said the party had lost a battle but had proved it was capable of winning the war in the south.

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Nationalists claim result is best ever

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

SCOTTISH nationalists yesterday claimed an "historic breakthrough" in the European elections in which they captured a new seat and claimed they had won their biggest share of the vote.

It was a night of despair for Scottish Conservatives, who were left a poor third nationwide and slipped to fourth in Glasgow. The SNP hailed the result as its best ever, polling almost one third of the vote and matching North-East Scotland from Labour.

Winnie Ewing held the Highlands and Islands with an increased majority while Alan Macartney, SNP deputy leader, won North-East Scotland from Labour by 3,000. The SNP gain was the only Scottish seat to change hands, giving a final tally of six Labour seats to two SNP. The Tories and the Liberal Democrats again failed to win any seats but Conservatives were relieved that their vote was not as low as the 10 per cent forecast in polls.

The SNP was jubilant at passing the 30 per cent hurdle, which would lead to substantial gains in a Westminster election. Alex Salmond, the party leader, said: "This is an historic breakthrough. The North-East result is a decisive victory in the seat that Labour themselves called the cockpit of the election in Scotland.

"This is a disaster for the Tories — they held this seat five years ago, and now they are humiliated."

On SNP figures, the final share of the vote across Scotland was Labour 42.5 per cent, compared with 42 per cent at the last Euro elections, the SNP 32.6 per cent (25.5), the Tories 14.5 per cent (20.9) and the Liberal Democrats 7.2 per cent (4.3).


MICHAEL STEPHENS

Edwina Currie looks on as Eryl McNally acknowledges victory

Currie lays blame on Major

EDWINA Currie last night blamed poor presentation of Conservative policy and recent tax rises for her defeat in the European elections (Arthur Leathley writes).

The former Conservative junior health minister was beaten into second place in Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes and promptly offered thinly-veiled criticism of John Major's campaign strategy.

Mrs Currie, MP for Derbyshire South, was asked whether a more pro-European campaign would have helped her. "It's hard to tell, but one looks with some envy at Chancellor Kohl [of Germany], who had such a strongly pro-European campaign. And he seems to have been returned with a good majority. One hopes perhaps that is a message that is being studied with some care in the Foreign Office and Whitehall," she said on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*.

The seat was won by Labour's Eryl McNally with 94,837 votes — 46.6 per cent of the total. Mrs Currie polled 61,628 votes. She said that recent tax rises had damaged Tory candidates' chances: "In some areas getting our supporters out was like drawing teeth."

Hume raises vote to close gap behind Paisley

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

ULSTER

JOHN Hume, the leader of the SDLP, yesterday won a powerful endorsement for his talks with Sinn Fein when he scored the highest vote in his party's history in the European elections.

He pushed his share of the vote in the Northern Ireland election to 161,992 (28.9 per cent), which was up by 3.4 percentage points on his vote at the last poll in 1989. However, his strong performance was not enough to beat the Rev Ian Paisley, the leader of the Democratic Unionists, who topped the poll with 163,246 votes, or 29.2 per cent.

Northern Ireland has three MEPs elected by proportional representation from one constituency covering the whole Province. Jim Nicholson, the Ulster Unionist candidate, secured the third seat on the second round after winning 133,459 first preference votes, or 23.8 per cent.

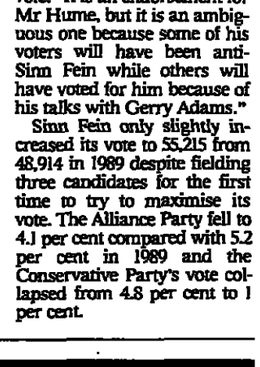
Mr Hume who tried to focus his campaign on European issues, said his vote was a powerful message from people who wanted an end to violence. "We will continue our work with the peace process which threatens nobody," he said. "We want to work towards a total end to violence followed by dialogue to reach agreement between our people."

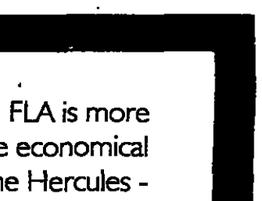
Mr Paisley, who tried to turn the election into a referendum on the Downing Street Declaration, said that his performance, which won him just over 50 per cent of the Unionist vote, gave him a mandate to represent Unionists. After the votes were declared he telephoned Downing Street on his mobile phone to demand a meeting with the Prime Minister.

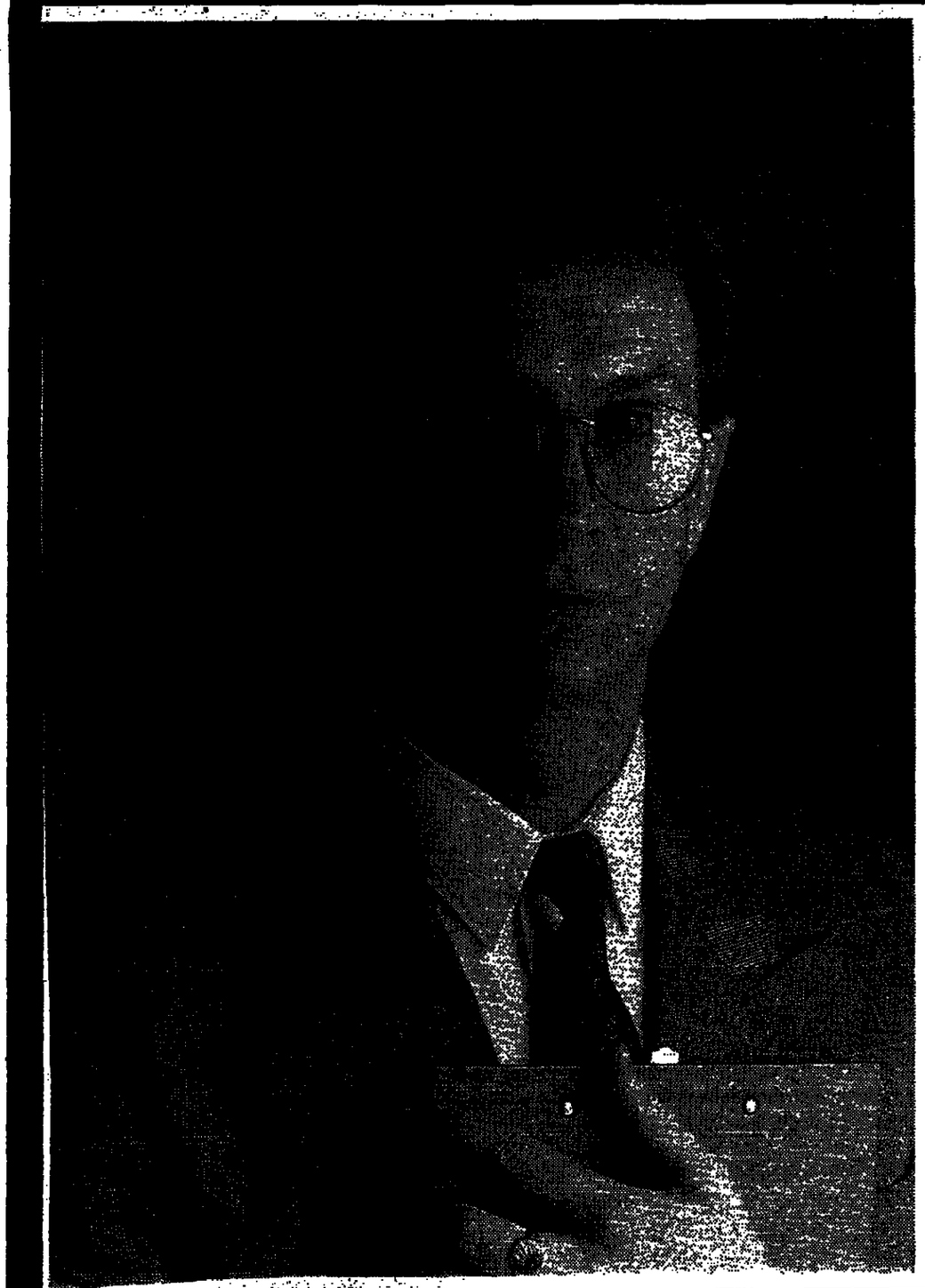
Referring to Mr Hume's vote, Mr Paisley said: "He has delivered Ulster into the hands of our enemy and given hope to the minority that they can trample over the majority, but they will never be able to do that."

Paul Bew, Professor of Irish Politics at Queen's University, Belfast, said that Mr Paisley's victory, his fourth since 1979, was a strong signal to the Government. Professor Bew added that Mr Hume appeared to have increased his share of the vote by winning support from nationalists who had previously not bothered to vote. "It is an endorsement for Mr Hume, but it is an ambiguous one because some of his voters will have been anti-Sinn Fein while others will have voted for him because of his talks with Gerry Adams."

Sinn Fein only slightly increased its vote to 55,215 from 48,914 in 1989 despite fielding three candidates for the first time to try to maximise its vote. The Alliance Party fell to 4.1 per cent compared with 5.2 per cent in 1989 and the Conservative Party's vote collapsed from 4.8 per cent to 1 per cent.


Hume: won backing for his talks with Sinn Fein


Paisley: received more than half Unionist vote



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'The party should pull up its socks and realise it is unpopular'

Veteran MEPs fall in poll rout

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DISMAY and shock swept through the band of vanquished Tories yesterday as they pondered their future after an election that decimated the Conservative group in Europe.

The roll-call of defeat was peppered with the names of some of the best-known British Conservatives in Strasbourg.

Among the fallen were Sir Christopher Prout, the leader of the British Conservatives, Bill Newton Dunn, the group's chairman, Lord Bethell, the longest-serving English MEP, and Christopher Jackson, former deputy of the European Conservatives in Strasbourg.

Like a band of wartime casualties waiting for news of old comrades, Tories gradually soaked in the news that some of their most senior colleagues had been stricken. Their election battlecry, centred on European issues, could not be heard above the barrage of doorstep opposition focused on the domestic issues of taxation, the economy and unemployment.

Several defeated MEPs considered themselves unarmed footsoldiers fighting an election without sufficient firepower from behind. "We were never able to fight on our strong ground and there was simply a confused message from Conservative Central Office," said one defeated Midlands MEP.

Lord Bethell, who was first elected in 1975, was rueful as he contemplated his first defeat in five campaigns, beaten in London North West. "The party should pull up its socks and realise that it's unpopular, get a few changes in the Government team, and create policies that would make the country more prosperous. There was a feeling among the people that they wanted to punish the Government, give it a kick, and I'm one of the victims."

VANQUISHED TORIES

Defeat by just 1,350 votes made the result particularly difficult for Sir Christopher Prout to swallow. However, he insisted: "We as a party have fought this campaign on a manifesto round which we all united. That must be a lesson to us all. Politics is about team games and not virtuosos and, as long as we remember that, we can win again."

Despite opinion polls for months pointing to imminent defeat, most of the defeated confessed to not having made contingency plans for alternative work. "It is self-induced schizophrenia to contemplate losing while fighting a campaign to win," Peter Price, defeated MEP in London South-East, said.

"There is nothing so 'ex' as an ex-MEP," sighed Michael Welsh, one of the Tories now looking for new work.

While Sir Christopher may be able to look forward with some confidence to a peerage, his defeated colleagues will look nervously at the jobs vacant columns. Public ignorance, and distrust of the European Union makes it an uphill struggle for a former MEP to trade on his or her experience in Strasbourg.

For many, the most lucrative option is to move into consultancy, offering their advice and expertise to British companies and public bodies looking to tender for European Union contracts or funding. Fees of up to £900 a day are tempting to politicians who will see their salaries and generous allowances dry up when they step down from the parliament next month.

However, Mr Welsh, the MEP for Lancashire Central for 15 years, is looking towards academic work, public affairs for a trading organisation or even standing for a seat at Westminster. He concedes that "our public standing remains poor" but adds "we do have a very broad knowledge which I do think can be useful."

Getting off the gravy-train

BY JAMES LANDALE

ALL 14 Tory MEPs defeated in the European elections are entitled to a final dip in the European gravy train, with pay-offs of up to £42,000, almost £10,000 more than their Westminster counterparts. "Transitional end-of-service allowances", worth up to 16 months' annual salary, are available to all MEPs who were defeated or stood down, as long as they apply within the next six months.

Lord Bethell, the defeated Tory MEP for London North West who described himself as a "victim" of government unpopularity, is one of six Tory MEPs eligible to receive the maximum £42,247.84 after serving more than 15 years in the Parliament. But yesterday he admitted that he did not know about the pay-off. "If what you say is true, I will certainly apply for what I am entitled to and try to find some way of making a bit of money," he said.

He said there was no contradiction between his valedictory speech, when he talked of being a victim, and his payout. "When other people lose their jobs after a long time there is nearly always some form of redundancy payment. It does seem only right. But I know I am luckier than some others who don't receive anything."

On top of numerous tax breaks and travel allowances, MEPs are paid a basic salary by the Government of £31,687 each year, the same as national MPs.



ALEX LENTA

Lord and Lady Bethell listening glumly to the vote count on Sunday night

Lib Dems accuse Literal rival of stealing votes

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

DEVON ROW

A RETIRED headmaster with a taste for politics was at the centre of an election row last night after being accused of stealing a European seat from the Liberal Democrats.

Richard Huggett, 50, stood as the Literal Party candidate for the Devon and East Plymouth Euro-constituency. Despite putting out no campaign material, he received 10,203 votes.

Last night the Liberal Democrats, who failed to win the seat from the Conservatives by a mere 700 votes, said voters had been misled by the name, which appeared above their candidate, Adrian Sanders, on the ballot paper.

A High Court application from the party three weeks ago was rejected on the grounds that nominations had already closed and there was nothing which could be done. They were told there may be other legal remedies after the poll closed.

Liberal Democrat leaders were meeting lawyers specialising in electoral law yesterday with the intention of seeking an electoral petition to the High Court. They are expected to argue that the returning officer was wrong to accept the nomination and that voters were genuinely confused.

Mr Sanders said yesterday: "It is a nonsense, it is ridiculous that he has got 10,000 votes. Other fringe candidates who put out election addresses, which Mr Huggett did not do, got less than 1,000 votes. The party is consulting lawyers because the people of Devon have been cheated. They voted for a Liberal Democrat to represent them in Europe and instead they have got a Tory."

Local party activists are deeply suspicious of Mr Huggett's motives but there is no evidence to link him with the Tories or with the victorious Tory candidate, Giles Chichester. "We do not know why this man did this. I do not think he was put up by the Conservatives," Mr Sanders said. "I think he was his own man but the question he has always refused to answer is whether he has ever been a member of the Conservative Party."

Mr Huggett was yesterday uncontactable on holiday in northern France with his mother, who nominated him, and his Danish wife. His seconder, George Nixon, was also out of the country.

Mr Huggett needed 100 backers on his nomination papers but under European election rules he is not obliged to reveal their identity except for the nominator and seconder.

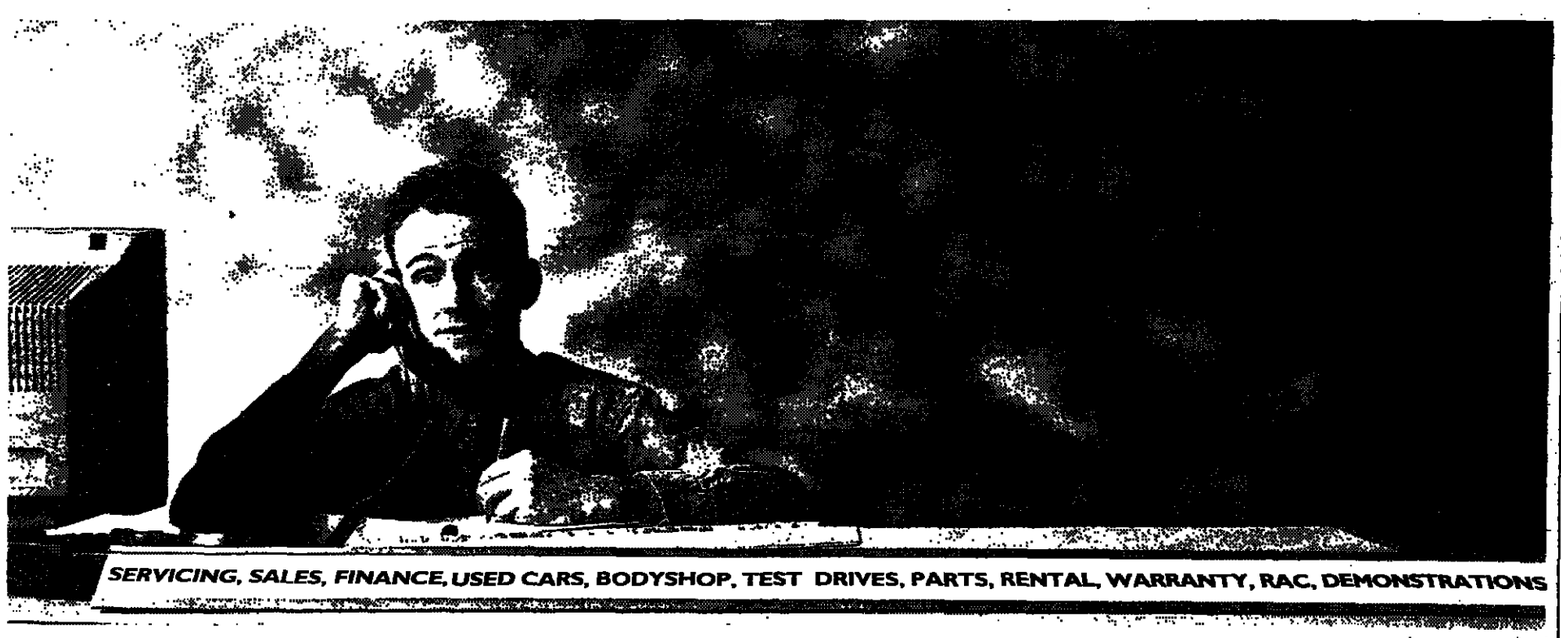
Mr Huggett, who has a traceable track record in politics, moved into the constituency last year when he acquired the £500,000 Elizabethan Canonteign Manor on the eastern edge of Dartmoor from Viscount Exmouth. Yesterday a member of staff said he had "gone away for a day or two".

Mr Huggett had previously run a private school for disturbed children in Hampshire.



Huggett: received 10,000 votes in election

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Tory right draws back from leadership challenge

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE immediate air of crisis surrounding John Major's leadership began to dissipate yesterday as Conservative MPs digested the results of the European elections.

Dismay at the scale of the Labour landslide was balanced by relief that the yellow peril — the Liberal Democrats — had been halted at the Quantocks.

Despite calls from a couple of mavericks for Mr Major to step down now, most MPs, who return to Westminster today, said that his position was safe until the autumn. But with Labour doing better than at any time since Harold Wilson's heyday, and with the prospect of a Tony Blair leadership apparently proving enticing to the floating voter, few Tories were prepared to rule out a stalking-horse challenge in November. "This is just struggle on time," said one jaundiced senior Tory. "There cannot be a short-term threat to the Prime Minister, but the muttering will continue. However, the question remains — do his critics have the beef to threaten him?"

A prominent right-winger said that the prospect of backbench dissidents collecting 34 signatures and running a candidate against Mr Major later in the year remained a real possibility. "They are still dreadful results even though not quite as bad as might have been. To drop so much from the Euro-elections five years ago, taken in conjunction with the by-elections, cannot be described as impressive."

William Powell, Tory MP for Corby, joined Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North, in calling for Mr Major to stand down. Mr Powell said he should seek to re-establish his authority over his party by fighting and winning a leadership contest. But Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, said the idea was "absurd" and Mr Major, at his open-air press conference, made plain he was in no mood to quit.

Significantly, Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, and Edward Leigh, the Euro-sceptic former trade minister — two of Mr Major's critics — drew back from urging any early challenge to the Prime Minister. Mr Leigh said that the elections would not precipitate a right-wing challenge to Mr Major. "Why shoot the messenger when he has started to deliver the message you want to hear? The unpopularity he has suffered is not the cause of our problems but the symptom of our difficulties in delivering strong Conservative policies in a recession."

Sir George, writing in *The Times*, was even more critical, saying that after the European voting rights "fiasco" the Prime Minister had work to do to recapture the trust of the electorate. But the 92 Group chairman was "not sure" that the Tories would do better under any other prominent figure. Instead, the right concentrated its fire on the Government's policies, arguing that Mr Major should build on the relative success of his anti-European rhetoric and in future take a tougher line with Brussels. Sir George said that habitual Tories felt betrayed when traditional regiments were disbanded and led a chorus of right-wing calls for an axe to be taken to public spending to pave the way for lower taxes.

Mr Leigh said: "What do the elections prove? Simply that it is not low taxation, patriotism, strong defence or self-reliance that is the problem. The 40 per cent of the population that regularly vote for us in general elections have not changed their views. They just lack confidence that we can deliver."

Centre-left Tories and the casualties of the election were singing a different tune, illustrating just hard it is for the Prime Minister to control his party and present a united front. Ian Taylor, one of the leading figures among the Positive Europe group, warned against the "gimmick" of jeopardising the recovery and the confidence of the financial markets by loose talk of tax cuts. "Retribution will come if we start trying to involve (ourselves) in short-term popularity," he said on BBC radio.

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Scale of protest vote takes Major into uncharted political territory

■ Fringe groups saved the Tories from a total humiliation as their vote slumped to a record low, Peter Kellner writes

IF JOHN Major is writing any thankyou letters to the people who helped the Conservatives to retain 18 seats in the European Parliament elections, he should include the Green Party, the Natural Law Party and other fringe groups. They saved the Tories from complete humiliation.

Before Sunday, it was widely assumed that the Prime Minister's position would become untenable if the Tories won fewer than ten seats — but secure if they won more than 15. By that yardstick Mr Major has reason to smile. But it was a close-run thing. In no fewer than 15 seats the Tories won by tiny margins. Had the votes of the fringe candidates gone to the main opposition challenger, the Tory contingent in the new European Parliament would have been only three. Their luckiest escape was in Devon and East Plymouth, where a candidate describing himself as "Literal Democrat" syphoned off 10,000 votes and allowed Giles Chichester to hold the seat for the Tories by just 700.

Instead of dwelling on their relief at holding 18 seats, the Tories should ponder the record-breaking slump in their support. Their 27.9 per cent share of the national vote is the worst by either main party at any national election since 1918. The Tories under Mr Major did even worse — just — than Labour did under Michael Foot in 1983. Previous Tory disasters look mild by comparison. In May 1990, just after the poll tax was introduced, the Conservatives still managed to hold on to 32 per cent support.

Such comparisons suggest that Conservative officials should be wary about blaming everything on a shallow, reversible protest vote. Of course last Thursday provided electors with an easy, virtually cost-free way of making a protest, either by supporting an opposition party, or by staying at home. Of course history tells us that many such voters will return to the fold as the economy recovers and the next general election approaches. What history does not tell us is that protest voting *on this scale* can easily be reversed. We are in uncharted territory.

■ There are clear signs, too, that the territory may remain hostile to the Tories. Labour did not simply gain 14 seats from the Tories; they gained seats in parts of Britain that many Tories thought would stay blue for ever: in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Kent, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Eight of Labour's 14 gains can be explained by the national tide flowing Labour's way. What should alarm the Tories is the reason they lost the other six — in Essex South, London South East, Hertfordshire, Essex West & Herts East, and the two Kent seats. The Conservatives should have held all *six* seats on the basis of the national shift of votes since 1992; but in every case the Tory vote fell by more than the national average — and Labour's vote rose by more. Labour, in short, has achieved something that has eluded it for almost 30 years. It is back in business in East Anglia, the Home Counties and the South East in a big way.

The regional figures, shown with the map, tell the story. Compared with the general election two years ago, Tory support slumped more in London, the South East and East Anglia than elsewhere. And it slumped most of all in Labour's target seats. To put the results in a context: John MacGregor, Tony Newton, Michael Portillo and Gillian Shephard are all cabinet ministers who enjoy majorities of 15,000 or more in their southern constituencies. On the basis of local shifts in votes last Thursday, Labour would have captured all of their seats.

To make such calculations is not to make a prediction about the next general election. Some general recovery in their overall support is almost certain. What may be of more lasting significance about these results is that they confirm the pattern of last year's and this year's local elections.

Once again the Tories have lost most support in the seats they were defending — and once again tactical voting has ensured that the main beneficiary has normally been the opposition party best placed to defeat them.

On this occasion tactical voting helped Labour. It achieved an average swing from the Tories of 15 per cent in its target seats, compared with a 12 per cent national swing. If Labour were to obtain an extra 3 per cent swing in Conservative marginals at the next general election, it would enjoy a 30-seat bonus — beyond any seats it would gain on a general national swing. Assuming that Tory support does pick up during the next two years, that bonus could make the difference between a minority government and an overall Labour majority.

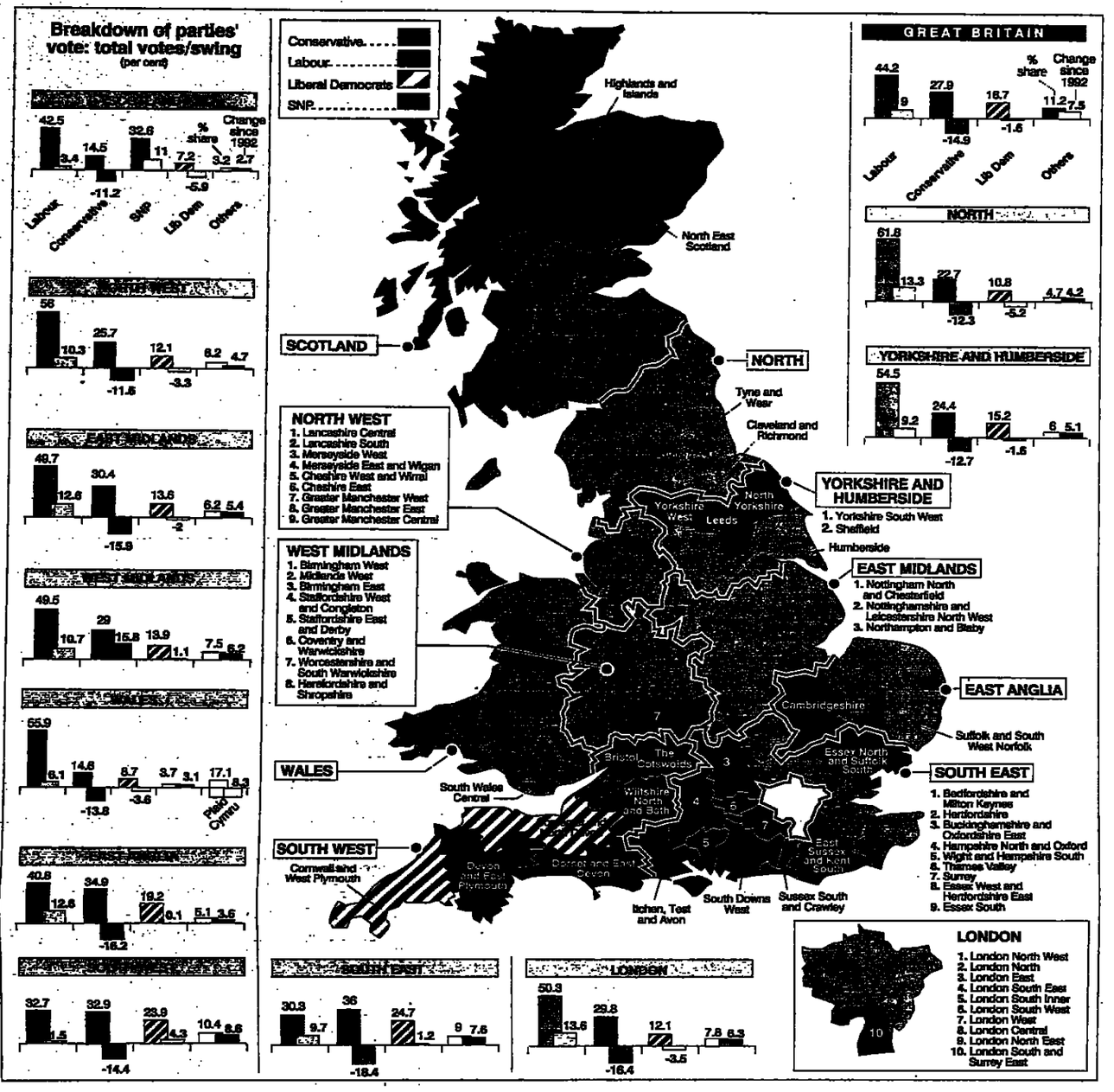
There was also tactical voting in the Liberal Democrats' target seats. Liberal Democrat support was up three points (compared with 1992) in the ten seats where it had the best chance of victory — and down two points elsewhere. In these seats Labour gained only four points, half its national average.

Those figures undermine the Liberal Democrats' claims that they were hit by Labour's strength in the South. What stopped Paddy Ashdown's party from making further gains was its own inability to maintain the momentum it had achieved in last year's county elections and this year's district elections. Just six weeks ago the Liberal Democrats won 27 per cent support in towns throughout England. Last Thursday that share slumped to 16 per cent.

One significant reason seems to have been the steady 3-5 per cent achieved by Green Party candidates, and a further 3-5 per cent by other minority parties collectively. The "other" total was highest of all (10 per cent) in the Lib Dems' strongest region, the South West — and lowest (5 per cent) in the Lib Dems' weakest region, the North. Those figures suggest that the main effect of minority candidates was to deprive the Lib Dems of votes they would otherwise have won.

The upshot is that although tactical voting did take place, it did not help the Liberal Democrats to win any extra seats. They would have won Cornwall and Somerset anyway. But at a general election the story would be very different. Tactical and regional voting on the scale we saw last week could help the Liberal Democrats to win up to ten seats more from the Tories than they would win on a uniform swing for any given national vote.

In the BBC's television studios on Sunday night, Charles Kennedy was cross when I suggested that, in these elections at least, the Liberal Democrats had performed as a regional rather than a national party. He should have been pleased instead. Ten years ago the old Liberal/SDP Alliance won 19 per cent of the vote in the elections to the European Assembly — and no seats. This time the Liberal Democrats won 16 per cent and two seats. The difference is that ten years ago the Alliance was evenly spread. This time it has been regionally and tactically concentrated. That may be a bad way to assert nationwide status; but it is an excellent way for third parties to get candidates elected.



Bad times turn the great love story to ashes

BY ALICE THOMPSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

Once it seemed more likely that John Major would join the Chippendales than Essex would vote Labour. The county, buoyed by the Thatcher boom, led the way in voting three Conservative governments into Westminster, and loyally stuck with the Tories in 1992.

Now South Essex has returned a Labour MEP with 71,883 votes, a humiliating 10.5 swing against the Tories.

As the votes came in from Basildon and Billericay, Essex man once more became the barometer of the country's feelings. This time not as Thatcher's child but as Blair's babe.

David Amess, the normally bumptious Tory MP for Basildon, looked pale as he saw the Tory support cave in.

The Labour victor Richard Howitt was triumphant yesterday even if he had been voted in on a negative anti-government campaign in which the word European, let alone federalism, barely crossed his lips. "We have achieved here in Basildon, a symbol of the Tory success in the 1980s, a symbol of Labour's revival in the 1990s," he said in a victory tour.

Mr Howitt sees Essex man as the working-class lad from a Labour-voting council house background who was seduced into joining the property-owning classes and buying British Telecom shares and now finds himself struggling. "This isn't a blip, these are our natural and rightful voters coming back to the fold," he said. "The Tories have lied too many times, they stand no chance here now."

The fact that Essex Tories are not known for their enthusiasm for Europe and have chosen MPs such as Teddy Taylor did not help the Tories. Only 35 per cent of the electorate bothered to vote.

ESSEX

People in Basildon agree with Mr Howitt that the Tories need a kick up the backside. When they hear the recession is over they laugh into their lager tops. At the suggestion of the Tories cutting taxes they say it's too late, they have had to sell their car and gym membership.

The area is more of a socio-economic stew than Mr Howitt implies, but even engrained Tory supporters are disenchanted.

Jim Williams worked on the car line in Dagenham before becoming unemployed. He thinks Labour will get him a job. His sister Katy Bateson worked in a jewellery chain in London. Also unemployed, she likes the child care facilities offered by Labour. Further down the precinct a tattooed Gerry Gillespie ridiculed the Tory's law and order pledges. His car radio had been stolen four times and yet the police were always trying to catch him speeding.

"The Tories only use us when they have to. They think we are always drunk, wear shiny suits with mobile phones and white socks, but any fool here can see they are liars and I'm wary of voting for them now," he said.

Lionel Stanbrook, the Tory candidate, a West Ham and capital punishment supporter, who fought for a strong Britain in Europe, is pragmatic. He said: "The fight is still on. I hoped there would be some recognition that we are talking about Europe here but the Tories just wouldn't vote. The party must now forget about Europe right or wrong and think of Europe as left or right. We don't want a socialist super-state. The economy has now turned. Basildon will wake up soon and return to its former self."



Margaret Beckett and Pauline Green celebrating the Labour Party's election success yesterday

Consumers' champion moves into Strasbourg fast lane

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AT EACH morning's European election press conference held by the Labour Party, a brisk, dark-haired woman sat next to the shadow Cabinet members on the platform, but her soundbites seldom made it on to the *Nine O'Clock News*. But prepare to hear more of Pauline Green.

Mrs Green leads the British Labour MEPs as the largest national socialist party in the parliament. Britain's first-past-the-post electoral system delivers a larger British team than would be elected under the proportional representation rules used in 11 other states. With 22 more seats than the German Social Democrats, Mrs Green should have what one of her colleagues cautiously called "something of a moral claim" to lead the parliament's multi-national Socialist group, the biggest power base in the assembly.

Her opportunity may come in July when the new parliament meets in Strasbourg for the first time to horse-trade over the key appointments to vice-presidencies and committee chairmanships. If the present French Socialist leader, Jean-Pierre Cot, becomes the parliament's president, Mrs Green hopes to step into his well-polished shoes.

Mrs Green fits a public mood indifferent to grand designs for European unification. Her most ardent admirers would not count her a particularly sophisticated advocate of Labour's ambivalent policy on a European single currency. She carved out her European Parliament career as a champion of consumer rights, majoring as an expert in food labelling law. Since the parliament has real powers on consumer issues such as public health and the environment and none at all on monetary union and foreign policy, Mrs Green has chosen her ground well.

Her cheery, no-nonsense grasp of what interests ordinary voters appealed to John Smith. She removed her somewhat academic predecessor as leader of the British Labour group in a bloodless coup last year and has also eclipsed the Scots Labour MEP, David Martin, the party's expert on the finer points of federalism. "David is dynamite on the Eurobore subjects," said one observer of this infighting. "but Pauline can actually talk to the punters."

At 45, she has gathered plenty of experience. She failed her 11-plus, became a secretary and then spent several years as a constable in the Metropolitan Police. The deprivation she witnessed drove her towards Labour politics.

Married with children, she took an Open University course and eventually a degree at the London School of Economics. She became a European lobbyist for the Co-op and arrived in Strasbourg in 1989. She has, she says, attended 1,500 public meetings on Europe in her time.

Her Tory opponents deride her lack of finesse but are probably making a mistake.

Firm ends support for the Tories

BY ANDREW PIERCE

FUNDING

THE Conservative Party's parlous financial position suffered another blow yesterday when Allied-Lyons, one of the party's biggest corporate donors, announced that it was suspending contributions.

The surprise decision by Allied-Lyons, which has contributed £800,000 over the past ten years, is a further sign that boardroom donations have failed to recover. Since the general election Conservative Party funds have virtually dried up, which contributed to a record £19.6 million deficit. Last week it was reported in *The Times* that donations from grassroots supporters had fallen by 20 per cent for the second year running.

The total debt has now fallen to £16.5 million and the party ran a £2 million surplus on its running costs in the last financial year. But much of the improvement has been achieved by spending cuts.

The decision by Allied-Lyons took the Party high command by surprise. Michael Jackaman, the company chairman, conveyed the news in a letter to Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman.

Allied-Lyons, which has a full-time British workforce of 25,000 and 30,000 part-timers, yesterday denied that the suspension of support for the Conservatives had anything to do with disenchantment with either the Prime Minister or the policies of the Government.

Charles Tetley, the manager of corporate affairs, said: "It is simply that progressively in recent years we have had far more global interests. It is becoming less relevant to make political contributions in the United Kingdom."

The original decision to give cash support, when Margaret Thatcher was at the height of her power, was because of a recognition that the Conservatives were "more likely to provide a climate in which business could flourish". Mr Tetley added: "The decision will be kept under constant review."

A spokeswoman for the Conservative Party said: "We believe that British business benefit from a Conservative Government. We hope Allied-Lyons will donate to the Conservative Party again in the future."

Scramble begins for 60 uncommitted MEPs after Socialists claim victory over 'fragmented' Right

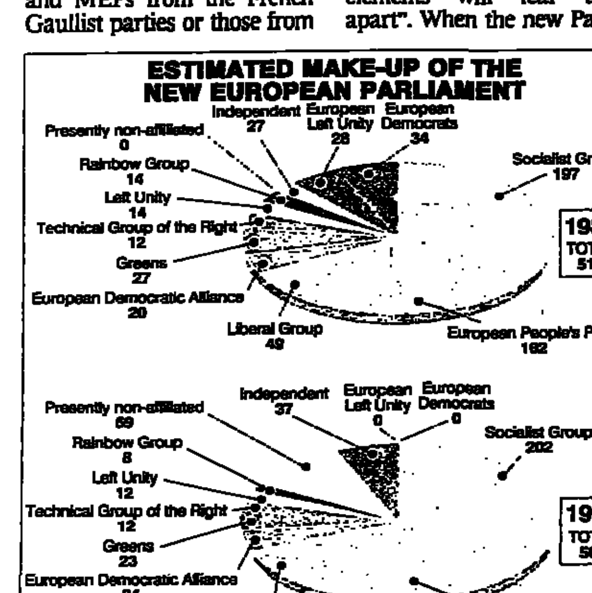
Bigger Parliament faces key choices on shape of Europe

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

THE European Parliament's Socialist group, boosted by a new intake of British Labour MEPs, claimed victory over the assorted parties of the Right last night, although the full election results showed that the balance of power has hardly changed.

With a projected total of 200 members, the Socialist group is the largest in the parliament but can still be defeated by a coalition of Christian Democrats (148 seats), Liberals (44) and MEPs from the French Gaullist parties or those from Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right Forza Italia. However, European Parliament votes rarely follow strict party divides and the election seems to have made little real effect on the Left-Right balance.

Jean-Pierre Cot, the Socialist group chairman, said that the elections were marked by the "complete fragmentation of the Right" which was "set for five years of torment in which the divisions between their pro- and anti-European elements will tear them apart". When the new Parliament meets next month to elect its president and group leaders, M Cot is expected to be replaced by Pauline Green, of the British Labour MEPs.



Some of the autumn's key battles will reveal whether the 567 MEPs are as attached to strengthening the powers of the Parliament as the previous assembly elected in 1989. The Maastricht treaty gives the Parliament the power to veto the appointment of the new European Commission and its President. The more ambitious MEPs want to use the power to influence the Commission's programme of law-making for the next five years and some want to veto a Commission which does not contain enough women.

The opening session next month will be almost wholly preoccupied by competition for the allegiance of about 60 MEPs who belong to new groups and who might join more than one bloc. Forza Italia's two dozen MEPs will be among those most fiercely competed for. The new Italian arrivals have been hinting that they may join the Liberals.

Forza Italia is certainly not Euro-sceptical, but neither does it appear to be ardently federalist in the tradition of Italy's diminished Christian Democrats. France has elected two sets of unknown quantities: the de Villiers anti-Maastricht MEPs and Bernard Tapie's Radical Energy group. The former will enliven the Parliament if they attend it and certainly restrain the federalist enthusiasm of both France's government and of the man elected President next spring. M Tapie's success has little to do with Europe either way, but does not suggest voters' spare energies are spent thinking about how to redesign Europe. M Tapie's most successful election meetings were held in stadiums where he provided a live commentary on football matches played by a team he owns.



Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, speaking to supporters yesterday after the success of his Christian Democratic Union in the European poll

The tradition of using the Parliament as a cross-party pressure group to push for a federal Europe will also fade away a little inside the Socialist group. Its German members, perhaps the most enthusiastically federalist Socialists, took a severe beating at home in a result which looks ominous for their chances in October's general election. The French Socialists were decimated a year after the same fate befell their national counterparts in Paris.

The results mark a change of tone, not a revolution. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor and a long-term advocate of a federal Europe, scored well. The squad of centre-right MEPs elected in Spain, Danish Liberals, Belgians, Irish and Greeks of almost every stripe will back Europe as before. The number of voices arguing that European integration should be put into reverse will be a tiny fraction of the 567 people elected over the weekend. The extreme Right did badly in Germany, slipped a little in France and made gains only in Belgium.

The results of the Parliament's fourth round of direct elections since 1979 are symptoms of the confusion prevailing in Western Europe over what precisely the EU is and where it should be going. The voting is conventionally analysed in terms of the Left-Right balance — which barely changed this time — but the shift in attitudes to what the French like to call "European construction" will be both more fascinating and more important.

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Due to the decision at the European summit in Edinburgh, in 1992, to increase the number of seats in the United Kingdom from 81 to 87 — five in England and one in Wales — most of the boundaries of the Euro-constituencies have been redrawn since the 1989 poll. In the 17 unchanged constituencies in England and in each seat in Scotland, where no changes were made, the 1989 results are shown. All constituencies in Wales were changed.

* denotes sitting member

BEDFORDSHIRE & MILTON KEYNES

Electorate: 525,524
Bedfordshire Mid; Bedfordshire North; Bedfordshire South West; Luton North; Luton South; Milton Keynes North East; Milton Keynes South West

E McNally (Lab)	94,837 (46.6)
Mrs E Currie (C)	61,628 (30.3)
Ms M Howes (LD)	27,994 (13.8)
A Sked (UK Ind)	7,485 (3.7)
A Francis (Grn)	6,804 (3.3)
A Howes (N Brit)	3,878 (1.9)
L Sheaff (NLP)	939 (0.5)

Lab maj: 33,209
Total vote: 203,565 (38.7)
Lab gain

BIRMINGHAM EAST

Electorate: 520,782 (535,951)
Edgbaston; Erdington; Hall Green; Hodge Hill; Northfield; Selly Oak; Small Heath; Sparkbrook; Yardley

*Mrs C Crawley (Lab)	90,291 (58.2)
A Turner (C)	35,171 (22.7)
Ms C Cane (LD)	19,455 (12.6)
P Simpson (Grn)	6,268 (4.0)
R Cook (Soc)	1,969 (1.8)
M Brierley (NLP)	1,885 (1.2)

Lab maj: 55,120
Total vote: 155,039 (29.8%)
No change

1989: Total vote 179,722 (33.8%). Lab 96,588 (53.7%); C 49,640 (27.6%); Grn 22,589 (12.5%); SDP 5,424 (3.0%); LD 4,010 (2.2%); NF 1,471 (0.8%).

BIRMINGHAM WEST

Electorate: 509,948 (521,662)
Aldridge-Brownhills; Birmingham Ladywood; Birmingham Perry Barr; Sutton Coldfield; Walsall North; Walsall South; West Bromwich East; West Bromwich West

*J Tomlinson (Lab Co-op)	77,957 (53.7)
D Harman (C)	38,607 (26.6)
N McGeorge (LD)	14,603 (10.1)
Dr B Juby (Anti-F)	5,237 (3.6)
M Abbott (Grn)	4,367 (3.0)
A Carmichael (NF)	3,727 (2.6)
H Meads (NLP)	789 (0.5)

Lab Co-op maj: 39,350
Total vote: 145,287 (26.5%)
No change

1989: Total vote 171,287 (33.2%). Lab 86,545 (50.5%); C 55,685 (32.5%); Grn 21,384 (12.4%); LD 7,673 (4.4%).

BRISTOL

Electorate: 503,218
Bristol East; Bristol North West; Bristol South; Bristol West; Kingswood; Northavon; Woodspring

*I White (Lab)	90,790 (44.1)
Earl of Stockton (C)	60,835 (30.0)
J Barnard (LD)	40,394 (19.6)
J Boxall (Grn)	7,163 (3.5)
T Whittingham (UKI)	5,798 (2.8)
T Dyball (NLP)	876 (0.4)

Lab maj: 29,955
Total vote: 205,856 (40.9%)
No change

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & OXFORDSHIRE EAST

Electorate: 487,692
Aylesbury; Banbury; Beaconsfield; Buckingham; Chesham & Amersham; Henley; Wycombe

*J Elles (C)	77,037 (42.3)
D Enright (Lab)	46,372 (25.5)
Ms S Bowles (LD)	42,836 (23.5)
L Roach (Grn)	8,433 (4.6)
Ms A Micklen (Ind Ll)	5,111 (2.8)
Dr G Clements (NLP)	2,156 (1.2)

C maj: 30,665
Total vote: 181,945 (37.3%)
No change

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Electorate: 495,383
Cambridge; Cambridgeshire North East; Cambridgeshire South East; Cambridgeshire South West; Huntingdon; Peterborough

R Sturdy (C)	66,921 (37.6)
Ms M Johnson (Lab)	62,9979(35.4)
A Duff (LD)	36,114 (20.3)
Ms M Wright (Grn)	5,756 (3.2)
P Wiggin (Lib)	4,051 (2.2)
F Chalmers (NLP)	2,077 (1.2)

C maj: 3,942
Total vote: 177,898 (36.0%)
No change

CHESHIRE EAST

Electorate:502,726
Altrincham & Sale; Halton; Macclesfield; Manchester Wythenshawe; Tatton; Warrington North; Warrington South

*B Simpson (Lab)	87,586 (53.7)
P Slater (C)	48,307 (49.6)
P Harris (LD)	20,552 (12.6)
D Wild (Grn)	3,671 (2.3)
P Dixon (Loony CP)	1,600 (1.0)
P Leadbetter (NLP)	1,488 (0.1)

Lab maj: 39,279
Total vote: 163,204 (32.5%)
No change

CHESHIRE WEST & WIRRAL

Electorate: 538,571
Birkenhead; Chester City; Crewe & Nantwich; Eddisbury; Ellesmere Port & Neston; Wallasey; Wirral South; Wirral West

*L Harrison (Lab)	106,160 (53.6)
D Senior (C)	58,984 (29.8)
I Mottershaw (LD)	20,746 (10.5)
D Carson (Home Rl)	*6,167 (3.1)*
M Money (Grn)	5,096 (2.6)
A Wilmot (NLP)	929 (0.5)

Lab maj: 47,176
Total vote: 198,082 (36.8%)
No change

CLEVELAND & RICHMOND

Electorate:499,580
Hartlepool; Langbaurgh; Middlesbrough; Redcar; Richmond (Yorks); Stockton North; Stockton South

*D Bowe (Lab)	103,355 (58.7)
R Goodwill (C)	45,787 (26.0)
B Moore (LD)	21,574 (12.2)
G Parr (Grn)	4,375 (2.5)
R Scott (NLP)	1,068 (0.6)

Lab maj: 57,568
Total vote: 176,159 (34.9%)
No change

CORNWALL & PLYMOUTH WEST

Electorate: 484,697
Cornwall North; Cornwall South East; Falmouth & Camborne; Plymouth Devonport; Plymouth Drake; St Ives; Truro

R Teverson (LD)	91,113 (41.8)
*C Beazley (C)	61,615 (28.3)
Mrs D Kirk (Lab)	42,907 (19.7)
Mrs P Garnier (UKI)	6,466 (3.0)
P Holmes (Off Ll)	6,414 (2.9)
Ms K Westbrook (Grn)	4,372 (2.0)
Dr L Jenkin (Meb K)	3,315 (1.5)
F Lyons (NLP)	921 (0.4)
M Fitzgerald (Sub)	606 (0.3)

LD maj: 29,498
Total vote: 217,729 (44.9%)
LD gain

COTSWOLDS

Electorate: 497,588
Cheltenham; Cirencester & Tewkesbury; Gloucester; Gloucestershire West; Stroud; Witney

*Lord Plumb (C)	67,484 (34.5)
Ms T Kingham (Lab)	63,216 (32.4)
J Thomson (LD)	44,269 (22.7)
M Rendell (BnB)	11,044 (5.7)
D McCanlis (Grn)	8,254 (4.2)
H Brighouse (NLP)	1,151 (0.6)

C maj: 4,268
Total vote: 195,418 (39.3%)
No change

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE NORTH

Electorate: 523,448
Coventry North East; Coventry North West; Coventry South East; Coventry South West; Meriden; Nuneaton; Solihull; Warwickshire North

*Ms C Oddy (Lab)	89,500 (52.6)
Ms J Crabb (C)	45,599 (26.8)
G Sewards (LD)	17,453 (10.3)
R Meacham (Free Tr)	9,432 (5.5)
P Baptie (Grn)	4,360 (2.6)
R Wheway (Lib)	2,885 (1.7)
R France (NLP)	1,098 (0.6)

Lab maj: 43,901
Total vote: 170,327 (32.4%)
No change

CUMBRIA & LANCASHIRE NORTH

Electorate: 498,557
Barrow & Furness; Carlisle; Copeland; Lancaster; Morecambe & Lunesdale; Penrith & the Border; Westmorland & Lonsdale; Workington

T Cunningham (Lab)	97,599 (48.0)
*Lord Inglewood (C)	74,611 (36.7)
R Putnam (LD)	24,233 (11.9)
D Frost (Grn)	5,344 (2.6)
I Docker (NLP)	1,500 (0.7)

Lab maj: 22,988
Total vote: 203,287 (40.8%)
Lab gain

DEVON & PLYMOUTH EAST

Electorate: 524,320
Devon West & Torridge; Exeter; Plymouth Sutton; South Hams; Teignbridge; Tiverton; Torbay

G Chichester (C)	74,953 (31.7)
A Sanders (LD)	74,253 (31.4)
Ms L Wade (Lab)	47,596 (20.1)
D Morrish (Lib)	14,621 (6.2)
P Edwards (Grn)	11,172 (4.7)
R Huggett (Lit)	10,203 (4.3)
J Everard (Ind)	2,629 (1.1)
A Pringle (NLP)	908 (0.4)

C maj: 700
Total vote: 236,335 (45.1%)
No change

DORSET & DEVON EAST

Electorate: 531,842
Bournemouth East; Bournemouth West; Dorset North; Dorset South; Dorset West; Honiton; Poole

*B Cassidy (C)	81,551 (37.2)
P Goldenberg (LD)	79,287 (36.2)
A Gardner (Lab)	39,856 (15.9)
M Floyd (UKI)	10,548 (4.8x)
Mrs K Bradbury (Grn)	8,642 (3.9)
I Mortimer (C N-Fed)	3,229 (1.5)
M Griffiths (NLP)	1,048 (0.5)

C maj: 2,264
Total vote: 219,161 (41.2%)
No change

DURHAM

Electorate: 532,051 (535,728)
Bishop Auckland; Blaydon; Darlington; Durham City of; Durham North; Durham North West; Easington; Sedgefield

*S Hughes (Lab)	136,671 (72.1)
P Bradbourn (C)	25,033 (13.2)
Dr N Martin (LD)	20,935 (11.0)
S Hope (Grn)	5,670 (3.0)
C Adamson (NLP)	1,198 (0.6)

Lab maj: 111,638
Total vote: 189,507 (37.6%)
No change

1989: Total vote 189,187 (35.6%). Lab 124,448 (65.7%); C 37,600 (19.8%); Grn 18,770 (9.9%); LD 8,369 (4.4%).

ESSEX NORTH & SUFFOLK SOUTH

Electorate: 497,098
Braintree; Colchester North; Colchester South & Maldon; Harwich; Saffron Walden; Suffolk South

*Miss A McIntosh (C)	68,311 (33.2)
C Pearson (Lab)	64,678 (31.5)
S Mole (LD)	52,536 (25.6)
S De Chair (Ind A)	12,409 (6.4)
J Abbott (Grn)	6,641 (3.2)
N Pullen (NLP)	884 (0.4)

C maj: 3,633
Total vote: 205,459 (41.3%)
No change

ESSEX SOUTH

Electorate: 487,221
Basildon; Billericay; Castle Point; Rochford; Southend East; Southend West; Thurrock

R Howitt (Lab)	71,883 (44.6)
L Stanbrook (C)	50,516 (31.3)
G Williams (LD)	26,132 (16.2)
B Lynch Lib	6,780 (4.2)
G Rumens (Grn)	4,691 (2.9)
M Heath (NLP)	1,177 (0.7)

Lab maj: 21,367
Total vote: 161,179 (33.1%)
Labour gain

ESSEX WEST & HERTFORDSHIRE EAST

Electorate: 504,095
Brentwood & Ongar; Broxbourne; Chelmsford; Epping Forest; Harlow; Hertford & Stortford; Stevenage

H Kerr (Lab)	66,379 (36.2)
*Ms P Rawlings (C)	63,312 (34.5)
Ms G James (LD)	39,695 (19.5)
B Smalley (Brit)	10,277 (5.6)
Ms F Mawson (Grn)	5,632 (3.1)
P Carter (Sprtmn)	1,127 (0.6)
L Davis (NLP)	1,026 (0.6)

C maj: 3,067
Total vote: 183,448 (36.4%)
Lab gain

GREATER MANCHESTER CENTRAL

Electorate: 481,779
Cheadle; Hazel Grove; Manchester Blackley; Manchester Central; Manchester Gorton; Manchester Withington; Stockport; Stretford

*E Newman (Lab)	74,935 (53.4)
Mrs S Mason (C)	32,490 (23.2)
J Begg (LD)	22,988 (16.4)
B Candeland (Grn)	4,952 (3.5)
P Burke (Lib)	3,862 (2.7)
P Stanley (NLP)	1,017 (0.7)

Lab maj: 42,445
Total vote: 140,244 (29.1%)
No change

GREATER MANCHESTER EAST

Electorate: 501,125
Ashton-under-Lyne; Denton & Reddish; Heywood & Middleton; Littleborough & Saddleworth; Oldham Central & Royton; Oldham West; Rochdale; Stalybridge & Hyde

*G Ford (Lab)	82,289 (60.4)
J Pinniger (C)	26,303 (19.3)
A Riley (LD)	20,545 (15.1)
T Clarke (Grn)	5,823 (4.3)
W Stevens (NLP)	1,182 (0.9)

Lab maj: 55,986
Total vote: 136,143 (27.2%)
No change

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST

Electorate: 512,618
Bolton North East; Bolton South East; Bolton West; Bury South; Davyhulme; Eccles; Salford East; Worsley

*G Titley (Lab)	94,129 (61.8)
D Newns (C)	35,494 (23.3)
F Harasiwka (LD)	13,650 (9.0)
R Jackson (Grn)	3,950 (2.6)
G Harrison (McC)	3,693 (2.4)
T Brotheridge (NLP)	1,360 (0.9)

Lab maj: 56,635
Total vote: 152,232 (29.7%)
No change

HAMPSHIRE NORTH & OXFORD

Electorate: 525,982
Aldershot; Basingstoke; Hampshire North West; Newbury; Oxford East; Oxford West & Abingdon; Wantage

G Mather (C)	72,209 (35.8)
Ms J Hawkins (LD)	63,015 (31.3)
J Tanner (Lab)	48,525 (24.1)
D Wilkinson (UKI)	8,377 (4.2)
Dr M Woodin (Grn)	7,310 (3.6)
H Godfrey (NLP)	1,027 (0.5)
R Boston (Bos)	1,018 (0.5)

C maj: 9,194
Total vote: 201,481 (38.3%)
No change

HEREFORDSHIRE & SHROPSHIRE

Electorate: 536,470
Hereford; Leominster; Ludlow; Shrewsbury & Atcham; Shropshire North; The Wrekin; Wyre Forest

D Hallam (Lab)	76,120 (36.7)
*Sir C Prout (C)	74,270 (35.8)
J Gallagher (LD)	44,130 (21.2)
Ms F Norman (Grn)	11,578 (5.6)
T Mercer (NLP)	1,480 (0.7)

Lab maj 1,850
Total vote: 207,578 (38.7%)
No change

HERTFORDSHIRE

Electorate: 522,338
Hertfordshire North; Hertfordshire South West; Hertfordshire West; Hertsmere; St Albans; Watford; Welwyn Hatfield.

Dr P Truscott (Lab)	81,821 (39.1)
P Jenkinson (C)	71,517 (34.1)
D Griffiths (LD)	38,995 (18.6)
Ms L Howitt (Grn)	7,741 (3.7)
M Biggs (N Brit)	6,555 (3.1)
J McAuley (NF)	1,755 (0.8)
D Lucas (NLP)	734 (0.4)
J Laine (21 C)	369 (0.2)

Lab maj: 10,304
Total vote: 209,487 (40.1%)
Lab gain

HUMBERSIDE

Electorate: 519,013
Beverley; Boothferry; Bridlington; *Glanford & Scunthorpe*; Hull East; Hull North; Hull West

*P Crampton (Lab)	87,296 (51.9)
D Stewart (C)	46,678 (27.8)
Ms D Wallis (LD)	28,818 (17.2)
Ms S Mummery (Grn)	4,170 (2.5)
Ms A Miszewska (NLP)	1,100 (0.7)

Lab maj: 40,618
Total vote: 168,062 (32.4%)
No change

ITCHEN, TEST & AVON

Electorate: 550,406
Christchurch; Eastleigh; New Forest; Romsey & Waterside; Salisbury; Southampton Itchen; Southampton Test

*E Kellett-Bowman (C)	81,456 (35.4)
T Barron (LD)	74,553 (32.4)
E Read (Lab)	52,416 (22.8)
N Farage (UK Ind)	12,423 (5.4)
Ms F Hulbert (Grn)	7,998 (3.5)
A Miller-Smith (NLP)	1,368 (0.6)

C maj: 6,903
Total vote: 230,214 (41.8%)
No change

KENT EAST

Electorate: 499,662
Ashford; Canterbury; Dover; Faversham; Folkestone & Hythe; Thanet North; Thanet South

M Watts (Lab)	69,641 (34.4)
*C Jackson (C)	69,006 (34.2)
J Macdonald (LD)	44,549 (22.1)
C Bullen (UK Ind)	9,414 (4.7)
S Dawe (Grn)	7,196 (3.8)
C Beckley (NLP)	1,746 (0.9)

Lab maj: 635
Total vote: 201,552 (40.3%)
Lab gain

KENT WEST

Electorate: 505,658
Dartford; Gillingham; Gravesham; Kent Mid; Maidstone; Medway; Tonbridge and Malling

P Skinner (Lab)	77,346 (41.0)
*B Patterson (C)	60,569 (32.1)
J Daly (LD)	33,869 (17.9)
C Mackinlay (UK Ind)	9,750 (5.2)
Ms P Kemp (Grn)	5,651 (3.0)
J Bowler (NLP)	1,598 (0.9)

Lab maj: 16,777
Total vote: 188,783 (37.3%)
Lab gain

LANCASHIRE CENTRAL

Electorate: 505,224
Blackpool North; Blackpool South; Burnley; Fylde; Pendle; Preston; Ribble Valley; Wyre

M Hendrick (Lab Co-op)	73,420 (43.7)
*M Welsh (C)	61,229 (36.5)
Ms J Ross-Mills (LD)	20,578 (12.3)
D Hill (Home Rl)	6,751 (4.0)
C Maile (Grn)	4,169 (2.5)
Ms J Ayliffe (NLP)	1,127 (1.0)

Lab Co-op maj: 12,191
Total vote: 167,874 (33.2%)
Lab change

LANCASHIRE SOUTH

Electorate: 514,840
Blackburn; Bury North; Chorley; Hyndburn; Lancashire West; Rossendale & Darwen; South Ribble

*M Hindley (Lab)	92,598 (54.3)
R Topham (C)	51,194 (30.0)
J Ault (LD)	17,008 (10.0)
J Gaffney (Grn)	4,774 (2.8)
Mrs E Rokas (Ind)	3,439 (2.4)
J Renwick (NLP)	1,605 (1.0)

Lab maj: 41,404
Total vote: 170,618 (33.1%)
No change

LEEDS

Electorate: 521,989 (508,109)
Elmet; Leeds Central; Leeds East; Leeds North East; Leeds North West; Leeds South & Morley; Leeds West; Pudsey

*M McGowan (Lab)	89,160 (56.9)
N Carmichael (C)	36,078 (23.0)
Ms J Harvey (LD)	17,557 (11.2)
M Meadowcroft (Lib)	6,617 (4.2)
Ms C Nash (Grn)	6,283 (4.0)
Ms S J Hayward (NLP)	1,018 (0.7)

Lab maj: 53,082
Total vote: 156,731 (30.0%)
No change

1989: Total vote 186,530 (35.9%). Lab 97,385 (52.2%); C 54,867 (29.4%); Grn 22,558 (12.1%); LD 11,720 (6.3%).

LEICESTER

Electorate: 515,343
Harborough; Leicester East; Leicester South; Leicester West; Loughborough; Rutland & Melton; Stamford & Spalding

Ms S Waddington (Lab)	87,048 (44.9)
A Marshall (C)	66,764 (34.4)
M Jones (LD)	28,890 (14.9)
G Forse (Grn)	8,941 (4.6)
Ms P Saunders (NLP)	2,283 (1.2)

Lab maj: 20,284
Total vote: 193,926 (37.6%)
Lab gain

LINCOLNSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE SOUTH

Electorate: 539,981
Brigg & Cleethorpes; Gainsborough & Horncastle; Grantham; Great Grimsby; Holland with Boston; Lincoln; Lindsey East

Mrs V Hardstaff (Lab)	83,172 (42.4)
*B Newton Dunn (C)	69,427 (35.4)
K Melton (LD)	27,241 (13.9)
Ms R Robinson (Grn)	8,563 (4.4)
E Wheeler (Lib)	3,434 (1.8)
I Selby (Network)	2,973 (1.5)
H Kelly (NL)	1,129 (0.7)

Lab maj: 13,745
Total vote: 196,239 (36.3%)
Lab gain

LONDON CENTRAL

Electorate: 494,610 (493,067)
Chelsea; City Of London & Westminster South; Fulham; Hampstead & Highgate; Holborn & St Pancras; Islington North; Islington South & Finsbury; Kensington; Westminster North

*S Newens (Lab Co-op)	75,711 (47.0)
A Elliott (C)	50,652 (31.4)
Ms S Ludford (LD)	20,176 (12.5)
Ms N Kortvelyessy (Grn)	7,043 (4.4)
H Le Fanu (UKI)	4,157 (2.6)
M Slapper (Soc P)	1,593 (1.0)
Ms S Hamza (NLP)	1,215 (0.8)
G Weiss (Rainbow)	547 (0.3)

Lab Co-op maj: 25,059
Total vote: 161,094 (32.6%)
No change

1989: Total vote 186,340 (38.3%). Lab Co-op 78,561 (42.1%); C 67,019 (35.9%); Grn 28,087 (15.0%); LD 7,864 (4.2%); SDP 2,957 (1.5%); Others (0.8%).

LONDON EAST

Electorate: 511,523 (535,582)
Barking; Dagenham; Hornchurch; Ilford North; Ilford South; Newham North East; Romford; Upminster; Wanstead & Woodford

*Ms C Tongue (Lab)	98,759 (57.8)
Ms V Taylor (C)	41,370 (24.2)
K Montgomery (LD)	15,566 (9.1)
G Batten (UKI)	5,974 (3.5)
J Baguley (Grn)	4,337 (2.5)
O Tillett (Third W)	3,484 (2.0)
N Kahn (NLP)	1,272 (0.7)

Lab maj: 57,389
Total vote: 170,762 (33.4%)
No change

1989: Total vote 187,667 (35.3%). Lab 92,803 (49.4%); C 65,418 (34.8%); Grn 21,388 (11.4%); LD 7,341 (3.9%); ICP 777 (0.3%).

LONDON NORTH

Electorate: 541,269 (577,420)
Chipping Barnet; Edmonton; Enfield North; Enfield Southgate; Finchley; Hendon North; Hendon South; Hornsey & Wood Green; Tottenham

*Mrs P Green (Lab Co-op)	102,059 (55.5)
M Keegan (C)	53,711 (29.2)
I Mann (LD)	15,739 (8.6)
Ms H Jago (Grn)	5,666 (3.1)
I Booth (UKI)	5,099 (2.8)
G Sabrizi (Judo)	880 (0.5)
J Hinde (NLP)	856 (0.5)

Lab Co-op maj: 48,348
Total vote: 184,010 (34.0%)
No change

1989: Total vote 207,825 (36.2%). Lab Co-op 85,536 (41.1%); C 79,699 (38.3%); Grn 30,807 (14.8%); LD 8,917 (4.2%); Ind 2,016 (0.9%); Comm 850 (0.4%).

LONDON NORTH EAST

Electorate: 486,016 (513,302)
Bethnal Green & Stepney; Bow & Poplar; Chingford; Hackney North & Stoke Newington; Hackney South & Shoreditch; Leyton; Newham North West; Newham South; Walthamstow

*A Lomas (Lab)	80,256 (63.0)
S Gordon (C)	23,171 (17.9)
K Appiah (LD)	10,242 (7.9
Ms J Lambert (Grn)	8,386 (6.4)
E Murat (Lib)	2,573 (2.0)
P Compobassi (UKI)	2,015 (1.6)
R Archer (NLP)	1,111 (8.9)
M Fischer (Com GB)	869 (0.7)
A Hyland (ICP4)	679 (0.5)

Lab maj: 57,085
Total vote: 129,302 (26.7%)
No change

1989: Total vote 141,056 (27.6%). Lab 76,085 (53.9%); C 28,388 (20.0%); Grn 25,949 (18.4%); LD 9,525 (6.7%); Comm 1,129 (0.8%).

LONDON NORTH WEST

Electorate: 481,272 (510,858)
Brent East; Brent North; Brent South; Harrow East; Harrow West; Hayes & Harlington; Ruislip-Northwood; Uxbridge

R Evans (Lab)	80,192 (47.4)
* Lord Bethell (C)	62,750 (37.1)
Ms H Leighter (LD)	18,998 (11.2)
D Johnson (Grn)	4,743 (2.8)
Ms A Murphy (Com GB)	858 (0.5)
Ms T Sullivan (NLP)	807 (0.5)
C Palmer (21 C)	740 (0.4)

Lab maj: 17,442
Total vote: 169,088 (35.1%)
Lab gain

1989: Total vote 181,228 (35.7%). C 74,900 (41.3%); Lab 67,300 (37.2%); Grn 28,275 (15.6%); LD 10,553 (5.8%).

LONDON SOUTH & SURREY EAST

Electorate: 486,358
Carshalton & Wallington; Croydon Central; Croydon North East; Croydon North West; Croydon South; Epsom & Ewell; Surrey East; Sutton & Cheam

*J Moorhouse (C)	64,813 (38.8)
Ms G Rolles (Lab)	56,074 (33.5)
M Reinisch (LD)	32,059 (19.2)
J Cornford (Grn)	7,048 (4.2)
J Major (Loony X)	3,339 (2.0)
A Reeve (Captl)	2,982 (1.8)
P Levy (NLP)	887 (0.5)

C maj: 8,739
Total vote: 167,201 (34.4%)
No change

LONDON SOUTH EAST

Electorate: 493,178
Beckenham; Bexleyheath; Chislehurst; Eltham; Erith & Crayford; Old Bexley & Sidcup; Orpington; Ravensbourne; Woolwich

S Spiers (Lab Co-op)	71,505 (41.0)
*P Price (C)	63,483 (36.4)
J Fryer (LD)	25,271 (14.5)
I Mouland (Grn)	6,399 (3.7)
R Almond (Lib)	3,881 (2.2)
K Lowne (NF)	2,926 (1.7)
J Small (NLP)	1,025 (0.6)

Lab maj: 8,022
Total vote: 174,490 (35.4%)
Lab gain

LONDON SOUTH INNER

Electorate: 510,609
Dulwich; Greenwich; Lewisham Deptford; Lewisham East; Lewisham West; Norwood; Peckham; Southwark & Bermondsey; Vauxhall

*R Balfe (Lab Co-op)	85,079 (61.0)
A Boff (C)	25,859 (18.6)
A Graves (LD)	20,708 (14.9)
S Collins (Grn)	6,570 (4.7)
M Leighton (NLP)	1,179 (0.9)

Lab Co-op maj: 59,220
Total vote: 139,395 (27.3%)
No change

LONDON SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 479,246
Battersea; Kingston-upon-Thames; Mitcham & Morden; Putney; Streatham; Surbiton; Tooting; Wimbledon

*Ms A Pollack (Lab)	81,850 (49.7)
Prof P Treleaven (C)	50,875 (30.9)
G Blanchard (LD)	18,697 (11.4)
T Walsh (Grn)	5,460 (3.3)
A Scholefield (UKI)	4,912 (3.0)
C Hopewell (Captl)	1,840 (1.1)
M Simson (NLP)	625 (0.4)
J Quanjer (Spirit)	377 (0.2)

Lab maj: 30,975
Total vote: 164,636 (34.4%)
No change

LONDON WEST

Electorate: 505,791 (519,646)
Brentford & Isleworth; Ealing Acton; Ealing North; Ealing Southall; Feltham & Heston; Hammersmith; Richmond & Barnes; Twickenham

*M Elliott (Lab)	94,562 (51.9)
R Guy (C)	52,287 (28.7)
B Mallinson (LD)	21,561 (11.8)
J Bradley (Grn)	6,134 (3.4)
G Roberts (UKI)	4,583 (2.5)
W Binding (NF)	1,963 (1.1)
R Johnson (NLP)	1,105 (0.6)

Lab maj: 42,275
Total vote: 182,195 (36.0%)
No change

1989: Total vote 215,982 (41.8%). Lab 92,959 (43.0%); C 78,151 (36.1%); Grn 32,686 (15.1%); LD 9,309 (4.3%); SDP 2,877 (1.3%).

MERSEYSIDE EAST & WIGAN

Electorate: 518,196 (523,254)
Knowsley North; Knowsley South; Leigh; Liverpool Garston; Makerfield; St Helens North; St Helens South; Wigan

*T Wynn (Lab)	91,986 (72.0)
C Manson (C)	17,899 (14.0)
Ms F Clucas (LD)	8,874 (6.9)
J Melia (Lib)	4,765 (3.7)
L Brown (Grn)	3,280 (2.6)
G Hutchard (NLP)	1,009 (0.8)

Lab maj: 74,087
Total vote: 127,813 (24.7%)
No change

1989: Total vote 163,385 (31.4%). Lab 107,288 (65.6%); C 30,421 (18.6%); Grn 20,018 (12.2%); LD 5,658 (3.6%).

MERSEYSIDE WEST

Electorate: 515,909 (506,387)
Bootle; Crosby; Liverpool Broadgreen; Liverpool Mossley Hill; Liverpool Riverside; Liverpool Walton; Liverpool West Derby; Southport

*K Stewart (Lab)	78,819 (58.4)
C Varley (C)	27,008 (20.0)
D Bamber (LD)	19,097 (14.1)
S Radford (Off Ll)	4,714 (3.5)
Ms L Lever (Grn)	4,573 (3.4)
J Collins (NLP)	852 (0.6)

Lab maj: 51,811
Total vote: 135,063 (26.2%)
No change

1989: Total vote 178,743 (35.1%). Lab 93,717 (52.4%); C 43,900 (24.5%); Grn 23,052 (12.9%); LD 16,327 (9.1%); PRP 1,747 (0.9%).

MIDLANDS WEST

Electorate: 533,742 (535,395)
Dudley East; Dudley West; Halesowen & Stourbridge; Warley East; Warley West; Wolverhampton North East; Wolverhampton South East; Wolverhampton South West

S Murphy (Lab)	99,242 (59.5)
M Simpson (C)	44,419 (26.6)
G Baldauf-Good (LD)	12,195 (7.3)
M Hyde (Lib)	5,050 (3.0)
C Mattingly (Grn)	4,390 (2.6)
J Oldbury (NLP)	1,641 (1.0)

Lab maj: 54,823
Total vote: 166,937 (31.3%)
No change

1989: Total vote 197,455 (37.2%). Lab 105,529 (53.4%); C 63,165 (31.9%); Grn 21,787 (11.0%); LD 6,974 (3.5%).

NORFOLK

Electorate: 513,553
Great Yarmouth; Norfolk Mid; Norfolk North; Norfolk North West; Norfolk South; Norwich North; Norwich South

C Needle (Lab)	102,711 (45.2)
*P Howell (C)	76,424 (33.7)
P Burall (LD)	39,107 (17.2)
A Holmes (Grn)	7,938 (3.5)
B Parsons (NLP)	1,075 (0.5)

Lab maj: 26,287
Total vote: 227,255 (44.2%)
Lab gain

Italian and Spanish voters seize chance to punish champions of the Left

Occhetto quits over Berlusconi success

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

ACHILLE Occhetto, the leader of Italy's Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), resigned yesterday after Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister, won a dazzling victory in the European elections.

Only six months ago Signor Occhetto had been preparing to become Prime Minister after the Left won six mayoral elections, defeating the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) and the devolutionist Northern League.

Support for the PDS fell to 19.1 per cent in the European poll compared with 20.4 per cent in the March general election. Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia soared to 30.6 per cent of the vote, nearly ten points up from March.

Official results gave Forza Italia 27 of Italy's 87 seats while the National Alliance, led by the MSI, garnered 11 seats. Signor Berlusconi's other ally, the Northern League, slipped from 8.4 per cent in March to 6.6 per cent.

In Spain, José María Aznar, leader of the Popular Party (PP), celebrated the first right-wing victory in a national ballot since the death of Franco in 1975. The PP took a 9.5 per cent lead over the ruling Socialists.

The fiscal benefits that Jordi Pujol, the Catalan nationalist leader, had won for his region for supporting the government paid off with his party gaining a third MEP. Another beneficiary was Julio Anguita, 52, whose United Left coalition doubled its vote.



Supporters of the Spanish centre-right Popular Party in Madrid celebrating their European election victory over the ruling Socialists

ITALY

Parties	Votes %	Seats
Social Democrats	15.8	3
Radical Liberals	8.5	1
Conservatives	17.7	3
Centre Democrats	0.9	0
Socialist People's Party	8.6	1
June Movement	15.2	2
Anti-EC Movement	10.3	2
Christian Party	1.1	0
Liberal Party	18.9	4
Progress Party (far right)	2.9	0

Parties	Votes %
Forza Italia (free-market liberal)	30.6
Democratic Left Party (PDS, left)	19.1
National Alliance (neo-fascist)	12.5
Italian Popular Party (Christian Democrat)	10.0
Northern League (federalist)	6.6
Refounded Communist Party (Marxist)	6.1
Segni Pact (Christian Democrat)	3.3
Green Federation (ecologist)	3.2
Pannella-Reformers (independent)	2.1
Socialist-Democrat Alliance Party	1.8

No seats yet apportioned

LUXEMBOURG

Parties	Votes %	Seats
PCS (Christian Social Party)	31.41	2
POSL (Socialist Workers Party)	24.84	2
Democratic Party	18.85	1
Greens	10.94	1

SPAIN

Parties	Votes %	Seats
Popular Party (conservative)	40.21	28
PSOE (Socialists)	30.67	22
United Left (communists)	13.46	9
CiU (Catalan nationalists)	4.67	3
Nationalist Coalition	2.80	2

PORTUGAL

Full results expected next week

Parties	Seats
Socialist Party	9*
Social Democrats	9
Democratic & Social Centre Party	3
Communist-Green alliance	3

*Expected to rise to 10

BELGIUM

Parties	Seats
CVP (Flemish Christian socialists)	4
PSC (Francophone Christian socialists)	2
PS (Francophone socialists)	3
SP (Flemish socialists)	3
VLD (Flemish liberals)	3
Agalev (Flemish ecologists)	1
PRL (Francophone Liberal Reform)	3
Ecolo (Francophone ecologists)	1
Volksunie (Flemish People's Union)	1
Vlaams Blok (Flemish far-right)	2
CSP (German-speaking Christian socialists)	1
FN (Francophone far-right)	1

THE NETHERLANDS

Parties	Votes %	Seats
CDA (Christian Democrat)	30.8	10
PvdA (Labour Party)	22.9	8
VVD (Right-wing lib)	17.9	6
Democrats 66, (centre-left)	11.7	4
SGP-GPV-RPF (right-wing, religious)	7.8	2
Groen-Links (ecologists/left)	3.7	1
Others	5.2	0

Official results out today

GREECE

Parties	Votes %	Seats
PASOK (socialists)	38	10
New Democracy	33	8
Political Spring	9	3
Left Coalition	6	2
KKE (communists)	6	2

EUROPEAN ELECTION RESULTS

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & BLABY

Electorate: 524,916
Blaby; Corby; Daventry; Kettering; Northampton North; Northampton South; Wellingborough

Mrs A Billingham (Lab) 95,317 (46.1)
*A Simpson (C) 69,232 (33.5)
K Scudder (LD) 27,616 (13.4)
Ms A Bryant (Grn) 9,121 (4.4)
I Whitaker (Ind) 4,397 (2.1)
B Spivack (NL) 972 (0.5)
Lab maj: 26,085
Total vote: 206,655 (39.4%)
Labour gain

NORTHUMBRIA

Electorate: 516,680 (521,980)
Berwick-upon-Tweed; Blyth Valley; Hexham; Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central; Newcastle-upon-Tyne North; Tynemouth; Wallsend; Wansbeck

*Dr G Adam (Lab) 103,087 (59.3)
J Flack (C) 36,929 (21.2)
L Opik (LD) 20,197 (11.6)
D Lott (UKI) 7,210 (4.1)
J Hartshorne (Grn) 5,714 (3.3)
L Walch (NLP) 740 (0.4)
Lab maj: 66,158
Total vote: 173,875 (33.7%)
No change

1989: Total vote 197,201 (38.3%). Lab 110,688 (56.1%); C 50,668 (25.6%); Grn 24,882 (12.6%); LD 10,983 (5.5%).

NOTTINGHAM & LEICESTERSHIRE NW

Electorate: 507,915
Bosworth; Gedling; Leicestershire North West; Nottingham East; Nottingham North; Nottingham South; Rushcliffe

*Ms M Read (Lab) 95,344 (49.8)
M Brandon-Bravo (C) 55,676 (20.9)
A Wood (LD) 23,836 (12.5)
Ms S Blount (Grn) 7,035 (3.7)
J Downes (UKI) 5,849 (3.1)
P Walton (Ind Out) 2,710 (1.4)
Mrs J Christou (NLP) 927 (0.5)
Lab maj: 39,668
Total vote: 191,277 (37.7%)
No change

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NORTH & CHESTERFIELD

Electorate: 490,330
Bassetlaw; Bolsover; Chesterfield; Derbyshire North East; Mansfield; Newark; Sherwood

*K Coates (Lab) 114,353 (63.1)
D Hazell (C) 38,093 (21.0)
Ms S Pearce (LD) 21,936 (12.1)
G Jones (Grn) 5,159 (2.9)
Ms S Lincoln (NLP) 1,632 (1.0)
Lab maj: 76,260
Total vote: 181,173 (37.0%)
No change

PEAK DISTRICT

Electorate: 511,357
Amber Valley; Ashfield; Broxtowe; Derbyshire West; Erewash; High Peak; Staffordshire Moorlands

Ms A McCarthy (Lab) 105,853 (53.1)
R Fletcher (C) 56,546 (28.3)
Ms S Barber (LD) 29,979 (15.0)
M Shipley (Grn) 5,598 (2.8)
D Collins (NLP) 1,533 (0.8)
Lab maj: 49,307
Total vote: 199,509 (39.0%)
No change

SHEFFIELD

Electorate: 476,530
Barnsley West & Penistone; Sheffield Attercliffe; Sheffield Brightside; Sheffield Central; Sheffield Hallam; Sheffield Heeley; Sheffield Hillsborough

*R Barton (Lab) 76,397 (58.3)
Ms S Anginotti (LD) 26,109 (19.3)
Ms K Twitchen (C) 22,374 (17.1)
B New (Grn) 4,742 (3.6)
M England (Com) 834 (0.6)
R Huxford (NLP) 577 (0.4)
Lab maj: 50,288
Total vote: 131,033 (27.5%)
No change

SOMERSET & DEVON NORTH

Electorate: 517,349
Bridgwater; Devon North; Somerton & Frome; Taunton; Wells; Weston-Super-Mare; Yeovil

G Watson (LD) 106,187 (43.6
*Mrs M Daly (C) 83,678 (34.3)
J Pilgrim (Lab) 34,540 (14.2)
D Taylor (Grn) 10,870 (4.5)
M Lucas (NLP) 1,200 (0.5)
G Livings (N Brit) 7,165 (2.9)
LD maj: 22,509
Total vote: 243,640 (47.0%)
LD gain

SOUTH DOWNS WEST

Electorate: 486,793
Arundel; Chichester; Hampshire East; Havant; Horsham; Surrey South West

J Provan (C) 83,813 (43.6)
Dr J Walsh (LD) 62,746 (32.7)
Ms L Armstrong (Lab) 32,344 (16.8)
E Paine (Grn) 7,703 (4.0)
B Weights (Lib) 3,630 (1.9
P Kember (NLP) 1,794 (0.9)
C maj: 21,067
Total vote: 192,030 (39.4%)
No change

STAFFORDSHIRE EAST & DERBY

Electorate: 519,553
Burton; Cannock & Burntwood; Derby North; Derby South; Derbyshire South; Staffordshire Mid; Staffordshire South East

P Whitehead (Lab) 102,393 (62.4)
Ms J Evans (C) 30,197 (18.4)
Ms D Brass (LD) 17,469 (10.6)
I Crompton (UKI) 6,993 (4.3)
R Clarke (Grn) 4,272 (2.6)
R Jones (NF) 2,098 (1.3)
Ms D Grice (NLP) 793 (0.5)
Lab maj: 72,196
Total vote: 164,215 (31.6%)
No change

STAFFORDSHIRE WEST & CONGLETON

Electorate: 502,395
Congleton; Newcastle-Under-Lyme; Stafford; Staffordshire South; Stoke Central; Stoke North; Stoke South

M Tappin (Lab) 84,337 (53.1)
A Brown (C) 74,060 (27.8)
J Stevens (LD) 24,430 (15.4)
D Hoppe (Grn) 4,533 (2.9)
D Lines (NLP) 1,403 (0.9)
Lab maj: 40,277
Total vote: 158,763 (31.6%)
No change

SUFFOLK & NORFOLK SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 477,668
Bury St Edmunds; Ipswich; Norfolk South West; Suffolk Central; Suffolk Coastal; Waveney

D Thomas (Lab) 74,304 (40.5)
*A Turner (C) 61,769 (33.7)
R Atkins (LD) 37,975 (20.7)
T Slade (Grn) 7,760 (4.2)
E Kaplan (NLP) 1,530 (0.8)
Lab maj: 12,535
Total vote: 183,338 (38.4%)
Lab gain

SURREY

Electorate: 514,130
Chertsey & Walton; Esher; Guildford; Mole Valley; Reigate; Surrey North West; Woking

*T Spencer (C) 83,405 (43.7)
Mrs S Thomas (LD) 56,387 (29.2)
Ms F Wolf (Lab) 30,894 (16.0)
Mrs S Porter (UKI) 7,717 (4.0)
H Charlton (Grn) 7,198 (3.7)
J Walker (I Brit) 4,627 (2.4)
Mrs J Thomas (NLP) 2,638 (1.4)
C maj: 27,018
Total vote: 192,866 (37.5%)
No change

SUSSEX EAST & KENT SOUTH

Electorate: 513,550
Bexhill & Battle; Eastbourne; Hastings & Rye; Lewes; Sevenoaks; Tunbridge Wells; Wealden

*Sir J Stewart-Clark (C) 83,141 (38.6)
D Bellotti (LD) 76,929 (35.8)
N Palmer (Lab) 35,273 (16.4)
A Burgess (UKI) 9,058 (4.2)
Ms R Addison (Grn) 7,439 (3.5)
Ms M Williamson (Lib) 2,558 (1.2)
P Cragg (NLP) 765 (0.4)
C maj: 6,212
Total vote: 215,163 (41.9%)
No change

THAMES VALLEY

Electorate: 543,685 (548,243)
Berkshire East; Reading East; Reading West; Slough; Spelthorne; Windsor & Maidenhead; Wokingham

*J Stevens (C) 70,485 (37.3)
J Howarth (Lab) 69,727 (36.9)
N Bathurst (LD) 33,187 (17.5)
P Unsworth (Grn) 6,120 (3.2)
J Clark (Lib) 5,381 (2.8)
P Owen (Loony C) 2,859 (1.5)
M Grenville (NLP) 1,453 (0.8)
C maj: 758
Total vote: 189,212 (34.8%)
No change

1989: Total vote 171,117 (31.5%). C 73,070 (42.7%); Lab 46,579 (27.2%); Grn 36,865 (21.5%); LD 14,603 (8.5%).

TYNE & WEAR

Electorate: 516,436 (536,205)
Gateshead East; Houghton & Washington; Jarrow; Newcastle-upon-Tyne East; South Shields; Sunderland North; Sunderland South; Tyne Bridge

*A Donnelly (Lab) 107,604 (74.4)
I Liddell-Grainger (C) 19,224 (13.3)
P Maughan (LD) 8,706 (6.0)
G Edwards (Grn) 4,375 (3.0)
Ms W Lundgren (Lib) 4,174 (2.9)
A Fisken (NLP) 650 (0.5)
Lab maj: 88,380
Total vote: 144,723 (28.0%)
No change

1989: Total vote 182,711 (34.4%). Lab 126,682 (69.3%); C 30,902 (16.9%); Grn 18,107 (9.9%); LD 6,101 (3.3%); SPGB 919 (0.5%).

WIGHT & HAMPSHIRE SOUTH

Electorate: 488,398
Fareham; Gosport; Isle of Wight; Portsmouth North; Portsmouth South; Winchester

R Perry (C) 63,306 (34.9)
M Hancock (LD) 58,205 (32.1)
Ms S-L Fry (Lab) 40,442 (22.3)
J De La Valette Browne (Ind) 12,140 (6.7)
P Fuller (Grn) 6,697 (3.7)
W Treend (NLP) 722 (0.4)
C maj: 5,101
Total vote: 181,512 (37.2%)
No change

WILTSHIRE NORTH & BATH

Electorate: 496,591
Bath; Devizes; Swindon; Wansdyke; Westbury; Wiltshire North

*Dr C Jackson (C) 71,872 (34.9)
Ms J Matthew (LD) 63,085 (30.6)
Ms J Norris (Lab) 50,489 (24.5)
P Cullen Lib 6,760 (3.3)
M Davidson (Grn) 5,974 (2.9)
T Hedges (UKI) 5,842 (2.8)
D Cooke (NLP) 1,148 (0.6)
Dr J Day (People) 725 (0.4)
C maj: 8,787
Total vote: 205,895 (41.5%)
No change

WORCESTERSHIRE & WARWICKSHIRE SOUTH

Electorate: 551,162
Bromsgrove; Rugby & Kenilworth; Stratford-on-Avon; Warwick & Leamington; Worcester; Worcestershire Mid; Worcestershire South

J Corrie (C) 73,573 (35.2)
Ms G Gschaider (Lab) 72,369 (34.6)
P Lerner (LD) 44,168 (21.1)
Ms J Alty (Grn) 9,273 (4.4)
C Hards (Nat Ind) 8,447 (4.0)
J Brewster (NLP) 1,510 (0.7)
C maj: 1,204
Total vote: 209,340 (38.0%)
No change

YORKSHIRE NORTH

Electorate: 475,686
Harrogate; Ryedale; Scarborough; Selby; Skipton & Ripon; York

*E McMillan-Scott (C) 70,036 (38.0)
B Regan (Lab) 62,964 (34.2)
M Pitts (LD) 43,171 (23.5)
Dr D Richardson (Grn) 7,036 (3.8)
S Withers (NLP) 891 (0.5)
C maj: 7,072
Total vote: 184,098 (38.7%)
No change

YORKSHIRE SOUTH

Electorate: 523,401 (526,040)
Barnsley Central; Barnsley East; Don Valley; Doncaster Central; Doncaster North; Rotherham; Rother Valley; Wentworth

*N West (Lab) 109,004 (72.7)
J Howard (C) 20,695 (13.8)
Ms C Roderick (LD) 11,798 (7.9)
P Davies (UKI) 3,948 (2.6)
J Waters (Grn) 3,775 (2.5)
N Broome (NLP) 681 (0.5)
Lab maj: 88,309
Total vote: 149,901 (28.6%)
No change

1989: Total vote 174,438 (33.6%). Lab 121,060 (69.4%); C 29,276 (16.7%); Grn 19,063 (10.9%); LD 5,099 (2.8%).

YORKSHIRE SOUTH WEST

Electorate: 547,469
Bailey & Spen; Colne Valley; Dewsbury; Hemsworth; Huddersfield; Normanton; Pontefract & Castleford; Wakefield

*T Megahy (Lab) 94,025 (59.1)
Mrs CAdamson (C) 34,463 (21.7)
D Ridgway (LD) 21,595 (13.6)
A Cooper (Grn) 7,163 (4.5)
G Mead (NLP) 1,674 (1.0)
Lab maj: 59,562
Total vote: 158,920 (29.0%)
No change

YORKSHIRE WEST

Electorate: 490,078
Bradford North; Bradford South; Bradford West; Calder Valley; Halifax; Keighley; Shipley

*Dr B Seal (Lab) 90,652 (53.4)
R Booth (C) 42,455 (25.0)
C Bidwell (LD) 20,452 (12.1)
R Pearson (N Brit) 8,027 (4.7)
C Harris (Grn) 7,154 (4.2)
D Whitley (NLP) 894 (0.5)
Lab maj: 48,197
Total vote: 169,634 (34.6%)
No change

WALES

SOUTH WALES CENTRAL

Electorate: 477,182
Cardiff Central; Cardiff North; Cardiff South & Penarth; Cardiff West; Cynon Valley; Pontypridd; Rhondda; Vale of Glamorgan

*W David (Lab) 115,396 (61.4)
Ms L Verity (C) 29,340 (15.6)
G Llywelyn (PC) 18,857 (10.0)
J Dixon (LD) 18,471 (9.8)
C von Ruhland (Grn) 4,002 (2.1)
R Griffiths (Com'Y) 1,073 (0.6)
G Duguay (NLP) 889 (0.5)
Lab maj: 86,082
Total vote: 188,002 (39.4%)
No change

SOUTH WALES EAST

Electorate: 454,794
Blaenau Gwent; Caerphilly; Islwyn; Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney; Monmouth; Newport East; Newport West; Torfaen

Mrs G Kinnock (Lab) 144,907 (74.0)
Mrs R Blomfield-Smith (C) 24,660 (12.6)
C Woolgrove (LD) 9,963 (5.1)
C Mann (PC) 9,550 (4.9)
R Coghill (Grn) 4,509 (2.3)
Ms S Williams (W Soc) 1,270 (0.7)
Dr R Brussaris (NLP) 1,027 (0.5)
Lab maj: 120,247
Total vote: 195,886 (43.1%)
No change

SOUTH WALES WEST

Electorate: 395,131
Aberavon; Bridgend; Gower; Neath; Ogmore; Swansea East; Swansea West

*D Morris (Lab) 104,263 (66.1)
R Buckland (C) 19,293 (12.2)
J Bushell (LD) 15,499 (9.8)
Ms C Adams (PC) 12,364 (7.8)
Ms J Evans (Grn) 4,114 (2.6)
Ms H Evans (NLP) 1,112 (0.7)
Capt Beany (Beanus) 1,106 (0.7)
Lab maj: 84,970
Total vote: 157,751 (39.9%)
No change

WALES MID & WEST

Electorate: 401,529
Brecon & Radnor; Carmarthen; Ceredigion & Pembroke North; Llanelli; Meirionnydd Nant Conwy; Montgomeryshire; Pembroke

Ms E Morgan (Lab) 78,092 (40.5)
M Phillips (PC) 48,858 (25.4)
P Bone (C) 31,606 (16.4)
Ms J Hughes (LD) 23,719 (12.3)
D Rowlands (UK Ind) 5,536 (2.9)
Dr C Busby (Grn) 3,938 (2.0)
T Griffith-Jones (NLP) 988 (0.5)
Lab maj: 29,234
Total vote: 192,737 (48.0%)
No change

WALES NORTH

Electorate: 475,829
Alyn & Deeside; Caernarfon; Clwyd North West; Clwyd South West; Conwy; Delyn; Wrexham; Ynys Mon

*J Wilson (Lab) 88,091 (40.8)
D Wigley (PC) 72,849 (33.8)
G Mon Hughes (C) 33,450 (15.5)
Ms R Parry (LD) 14,828 (6.9)
P Adams (Grn) 2,850 (1.3)
D Hughes (NLP) 2,065 (1.0)
M Cooksey (Ind) 1,623 (0.8)
Lab maj: 15,242
Total vote: 215,756 (45.3%)
No change

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW

Electorate: 463,364 (491,905)
Glasgow Cathcart; Glasgow Central; Glasgow Garscadden; Glasgow Govan; Glasgow Hillhead; Glasgow Maryhill; Glasgow Pollok; Glasgow Provan; Glasgow Shettleston; Glasgow Springburn

B Miller (Lab) 83,953 (52.6)
T Chalmers (SNP) 40,795 (25.6)
T Sheridan (Mil Lab) 12,113 (7.6)
R Wilkinson (C) 10,888 (6.8)
J Money (LD) 7,291 (4.6)
P O'Brien (Grn) 2,252 (1.1)
J Fleming (Soc) 1,195 (0.7)
M Wilkinson (NLP) 868 (0.5)
C Marsden (ICP) 581 (0.2)
Lab maj: 43,158
Total vote: 159,666 (34.5%)
No change

1989: Total vote 194,635 (39.9%); Lab 107,818 (55.3%); SNP 48,586 (24.9%); C 20,761 (10.6%); Grn 12,229 (6.2%); LD 3,867 (2.0%); Comm 1,164 (0.6%); ICP 193 (0.1%).

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS

Electorate 328,104 (317,129)
Argyll & Bute; Caithness & Sutherland; Inverness, Nairn & Lochaber; Moray; Orkney & Shetland; Ross, Cromarty & Skye; Western Isles

*Dr W Ewing (SNP) 74,872 (58.4)
M Macmillan (Lab) 19,956 (15.6)
M Tennant (C) 15,767 (12.3)
H Morrison (LD) 12,919 (10.1)
Dr E Scott (Grn) 3,140 (2.5)
M Carr (UKI) 1,096 (0.9)
Ms M Gilmour (NLP) 522 (0.4)
SNP maj: 54,916
Total vote: 128,272 (39.1%)
No change

1989: Total vote 128,990 (40.9%). SNP 66,297 (51.5%); C 21,602 (16.8%); Lab 17,848 (13.8%); Grn 12,194 (9.4%); LD 10,644 (8.2%).

LOTHIANS

Electorate: 520,943 (527,785)
Edinburgh Central; Edinburgh East; Edinburgh Leith; Edinburgh Pentlands; Edinburgh South; Edinburgh West; Linlithgow; Livingston; Midlothian

*D Martin (Lab) 90,531 (44.9)
K Brown (SNP) 53,324 (26.5)
Dr P McNally (C) 33,526 (16.6)
Ms H Campbell (LD) 17,883 (8.9)
R Harper (Grn) 5,149 (2.6)
J McGregor (Soc) 637 (0.3)
M Siebert (NLP) 500 (0.2)
Lab maj: 37,207
Total vote: 201,550 (38.7%)
No change

1989: Total vote 219,994 (42.0%). Lab 90,840 (41.2%); C 52,014 (23.6%); SNP 44,935 (20.4%); Grn 22,983 (10.4%); LD 9,222 (4.1%).

SCOTLAND MID & FIFE

Electorate: 546,060 (539,276)
Clackmannan; Dunfermline East; Dunfermline West; Falkirk East; Falkirk West; Fife Central; Fife North East; Kirkcaldy; Perth & Kinross; Stirling

*A Falconer (Lab) 95,667 (45.1)
D Douglas (SNP) 64,254 (38.8)
P Page (C) 28,192 (13.5)
Ms H Lyall (LD) 17,192 (8.2)
M Johnston (Grn) 3,015 (1.4)
T Pringle (NLP) 532 (0.2)
Lab maj: 31,413
Total vote: 208,852 (38.3%)
No change

1989: Total vote 221,862 (41.5%). Lab 102,246 (46.0%); SNP 50,099 (22.5%); C 46,505 (20.9%); Grn 14,165 (6.3%); LD 5,857 (3.9%).

SCOTLAND NORTH EAST

Electorate: 575,748 (559,275)
Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Angus East; Banff & Buchan; Dundee East; Dundee West; Gordon; Kincardine & Deeside; Tayside North

Dr A Macartney (SNP) 92,892 (42.8)
*H McCubbin (Lab) 61,665 (28.4)
Dr R Harris (C) 40,372 (18.6)
S Horner (LD) 18,008 (8.2)
K Farnsworth (Grn) 2,559 (1.2)
Ms M Ward (Com GB) 689 (0.3)
L Mair (Neeps) 584 (0.3)
D Paterson (NLP) 371 (0.2)
SNP maj: 31,227
Total vote: 217,150 (37.7%)
SNP gain

1989: Total vote 213,206 (38.4%). Lab 65,348 (30.6%); SNP 62,735 (29.4%); C 56,835 (26.6%); Grn 15,584 (7.3%); LD 12,704 (5.9%).

SCOTLAND SOUTH

Electorate: 500,643 (497,108)
Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Cunninghame South; Dumfries; East Lothian; Galloway & Upper Nithsdale; Roxburgh & Berwickshire; Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale

*A Smith (Lab) 90,750 (45.1)
A Hutton (C) 45,595 (22.7)
Mrs C Creech (SNP) 45,032 (22.4)
D Millar (LD) 13,363 (6.7)
J Hein (Lib) 3,249 (1.6)
Ms L Hendry (Grn) 2,429 (1.2)
G Gay (NLP) 539 (0.3)
Lab maj: 45,155
Total vote: 200,957 (40.1%)
No change

1989: Total vote 204,220 (41.5%). Lab 81,366 (39.8%); C 65,673 (32.1%); SNP 35,155 (17.2%); Grn 11,658 (5.7%); LD 10,368 (5.0%).

STRATHCLYDE EAST

Electorate: 492,618 (500,935)
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth; East Kilbride; Glasgow Rutherglen; Hamilton; Kilmarnock & Loudon; Monklands East; Monklands West; Motherwell North; Motherwell South

*K Collins (Lab) 106,476 (58.0)
I Hamilton (SNP) 54,136 (29.5)
B Cooklin (C) 13,915 (7.6)
B Stewart (LD) 6,383 (3.9)
A Whitelaw (Grn) 1,874 (1.0)
D Gilmour (NLP) 787 (0.4)
Lab maj: 52,340
Total vote: 183,571 (37.3%)
No change

1989: Total vote 194,281 (39.3%). Lab 109,170 (56.1%); SNP 48,853 (25.1%); C 22,233 (11.4%); Grn 9,749 (5.0%); LD 4,276 (2.2%).

STRATHCLYDE WEST

Electorate: 489,129 (499,616)
Clydebank & Milngavie; Cunninghame North; Dumbarton; Eastwood; Greenock & Port Glasgow; Paisley North; Paisley South; Renfrew West & Inverclyde; Strathkelvin & Bearsden

*H McMahon (Lab) 86,957 (44.4)
C Campbell (SNP) 61,934 (31.6)
J Godfrey (C) 28,414 (14.5)
D Herbison (LD) 14,772 (7.5)
Ms K Allan (Grn) 2,886 (1.5)
Ms S Gilmour (NLP) 918 (0.5)
Lab maj: 25,023
Total vote: 195,881 (40.1%)
No change

1989: Total vote 210,094 (42.6%). Lab 89,627 (42.6%); SNP 50,036 (23.8%); C 45,872 (21.8%); Grn 16,461 (7.8%); LD 8,098 (3.8%).

N IRELAND

Electorate 1,150,304
All 17 Ulster seats make one three-member seat with single transferable voting system

*Rev I Paisley (DUP) 163,246
*J Hume (SDLP) 161,992
*J Nicholson (UU) 133,459
Mrs M Clark-Glass (All) 23,157
T Hartley (SF) 21,273
Ms D McGuinness (SF) 17,195
F Molloy (SF) 16,747
Rev H Ross (Ulster I) 7,858
Miss M Boal (C) 5,583
J Lowry (WP) 2,543
N Cusack (Ind Lab) 2,464
J Anderson (NLP) 1,418
Mrs J Campion (Peace) 1,088
R Mooney (Con NI) 400
D Kerr (I Ulster) 571
Ms S Thompson (NLP) 454
M Kennedy (NLP) 419
Total vote 559,867 (48.7)

1989: Total vote 534,811 (48.38%). Paisley (DUP) 160,110; Hume (SDLP) 130,335; Nicholson (OUP) 118,785; Morrison (SF) 48,914; Alderdice (All) 27,905; Kennedy (C) 25,799; Samuel (Eco) 6,569; Lynch (WP) 5,590; Langhammer (Lab RG) 3,540; Caul (Lab SF) 1,274.

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Tapie and de Villiers revel in damage inflicted on mainstream parties

Wild card outsiders raise stakes in fight for presidency

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE'S government and opposition leaders struggled yesterday to repair the damage from a European vote which saw a rush to anti-Maastricht nationalists on the right and the defection of left-wing support to Bernard Tapie, the populist pro-European.

Both Michel Rocard, the beleaguered Socialist Party leader, and Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister, drew lessons from the results that showed disillusion with the traditional political classes and an attraction to charismatic outsiders with seductive messages.

"The French obviously want our nation's interests to be defended in Europe, and they also want the interests of Europe to be defended in the face of the world at large," M Balladur said. He was reacting to the surge away from the government list to the dissident right-wing group of Philippe de Villiers, which took 12 per cent of the proportional vote and won 13 seats. The official Gaullist-centrist government group won only 25 per cent, compared with 37 in 1989, and took 28 seats.

The success of the de Villiers list for The Other Europe, which includes Sir James Goldsmith, the Anglo-French financier, has jolted the campaign for the presidential elections next spring. Adding the effect of the 10 per cent scored by the far-right National Front party of Jean-Marie Le Pen, both M Balladur and Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist chief and his rival, will be under pressure to woo voters with a more nationalist line.

There are conflicting lessons for M Chirac's presidential campaign. By staying clear of the European polls, the Eurosceptical Gaullist leader saw a big chunk of his own support go to the dissident camp. However, he is far better placed to co-opt the anti-Maastricht feeling than the more centrist M Balladur.

A triumphant Viscount de Villiers said that from now on the governing parties would have to contend with him, and his first goal was to "renegotiate the disastrous treaty of Maastricht".

The electorate sent no clear message on European integration. Turnout was a relatively high 54 per cent and pro-Maastricht lists scored 60 per cent of the vote. M Delors took comfort from the fact that this was higher than the 51 per cent of the French referendum on Maastricht in 1992.

With only 14 per cent and 16 seats, the vote marked a fresh rout for the Socialist Party, which had governed France until last year. The diversion of 12 per cent of the overall vote to M Tapie's left-wing group is likely to demolish M Rocard's presidential hopes and possibly his leadership of the party. M Rocard, 63, vowed to stay on, saying the real presidential race would not begin until Christmas.

The success of M Tapie, the self-made tycoon and politician based in Marseilles, was a product of his magnetism, his image as a people's champion persecuted by the establishment, and his skill at conveying a few simple messages. His main idea is to outlaw unemployment.

M Tapie's Robin Hood image was helped by the barrage of criminal and civil charges brought against him during the campaign, including prosecution for fraud and tax evasion. His adventures continued yesterday when the Justice Ministry asked parliament to lift his immunity in connection with the latest charges. He responded by talking only of his ambitions to become Mayor of Marseilles next year, a post for which he is the favourite.

The only other party to score seats was the Communist group, which saw its support slip slightly to 7 per cent and seven seats. The ecologists lost their seats and none of the other 13 fringe lists won any.

FRANCE

Parties	Votes (1)	Seats
Baudis	25.52	29
De Villiers	12.95	13
Le Pen	10.54	10
Tapie	12.05	13
Rocard	14.48	16
Wurtz	6.91	6

Baudis (ruling UDF-RPR coalition, right); De Villiers (dissident right-wing), Le Pen (National Front, far right), Tapie (Radicals of the Left, far left) Rocard (Socialist Party, left), Wurtz (communist)



Thierry Jean-Pierre, left, and Philippe de Villiers being greeted by supporters on their arrival at the Paris headquarters of "The Other Europe" anti-Maastricht group, which won 13 seats in the European Parliament

Man in the news: Philippe de Villiers

Biting satire of Vendée viscount gives French taste for tradition

BY CHARLES BREMNER

FOR the past few years Philippe de Villiers, an aristocrat who reveres the ancien régime, had looked like a young man with a brilliant future behind him, but the breakthrough of his nationalist list in the European elections has turned him into a potential king-maker of the French Right.

The presidential ambitions of the two rival Gaullists, Edouard Balladur and Jacques Chirac, could turn on their willingness to deal with Viscount de Villiers, 45, and what he calls the "family" of conservative voters who share his belief that the existence of France is imperilled by the Maastricht treaty in particular and foreigners in general.

In a grim European campaign, the Viscount Philippe Le Jolis de Villiers de Saintignon displayed the tactical and rhetorical genius which hoisted him to national attention in the late 1970s and latterly turned him into a renegade within the centre-right Republican party. For the Left, the viscount, who hails from the traditionalist Vendée region, has inherited the demon's mantle worn by Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Front. For his supporters, who include a high proportion of the elderly and women, Viscount de Villiers' is the reassuring voice of old Catholic France at a time of fear and uncertainty.

With running mates that included Sir James Goldsmith and Judge Thierry Jean-Pierre, the most celebrated anti-corruption campaigner, he used his populist charm and gift for satire to fan the anti-Maastricht mood that smouldered among government supporters. While Dominique Baudis, the official list leader, floundered without any apparent European convictions, the viscount railed against the "folly" of abandoning France to Maastricht and the ravages of free trade.

"Why does France have to die in order for the French to live?" he asked. With the Maastricht tide unchecked, France is heading "like America, for explosive immigration, the destruction of the family, the shipwreck of schools and the obliteration of its founding values".

Such apocalyptic language has been a de Villiers hallmark since he emerged from the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration, the cradle of the French governing caste. On the election of President Mitterrand four years later, he resigned his post as sub-prefect of Vendôme because he said his conscience prevented him from serving such a leader. He still refers to the Socialist President as "the great corruptor of the nation".

The viscount became a junior Culture Minister in the Gaullist government led by M Chirac in 1986, but fought with François Léotard, his boss, and resigned a year later. In one of his famous putdowns, he said he had lent a book to M Léotard, who is now Defence Minister, "but he hasn't finished colouring it in yet".

He became member of parliament for the Vendée and later president of the same region, using it as a base for his one-man crusade for "family values" and Catholic morality. The father of six children, Viscount de Villiers wrote a book denouncing the celebrations of the bicentenary of the Revolution and taking the side of the deposed monarchy.

Kohl ploughs ahead for bumper vote in autumn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, a grin stretched across his face, made plain yesterday that he was now set for re-election in the autumn. "I have long subscribed to the farmer's wisdom: what you sow in May or June, you reap in October."

If all goes according to his plan, the German Chancellor is likely to be the last in the breed of pre-Maastricht European politicians. With a presidential changeover due in Paris next year, Jacques Delors leaving Brussels as President of the European Commission, and with John Major and Felipe González, his Spanish counterpart, both under heavy political pressure domestically, Herr Kohl may well be the only Maastricht leader in place as Europe enters the critical lead-up to the 1996 constitutional conference on the future of the Union.

The way Herr Kohl has achieved this status is a matter of wonderment even for long-time Kohl-watchers who have learnt not to underestimate the man from provincial Oggersheim.

Certainly his success has little to do with the substance of the European election campaign. As Hans Ulrich Jorges, a commentator, pointed out, all serious argument went by default. "There was so much to discuss: the eastward extension of the European Union, the European role in out-of-area military conflicts, the softening by Brussels of German environmental and consumer standards, European regulations for genetic research, a European employment strategy, an immigration and asylum policy, and not least a curb on the mushrooming bureaucracy of Brussels ... none of this played a role in the election campaign."

Avoiding European issues, as the campaign in Britain demonstrated, is one way of reducing the haemorrhage of voters.

The only definite statement on Europe by Herr Kohl, that passionate European, was a throwaway phrase suggesting that the "calendar of European monetary integration" should not be a matter for rigid deadlines. Otherwise his campaign was based on harmless theatre: clutching President Mitterrand in Heidelberg days after the D-Day ceremonies, securing the promise of a German military march-past in Paris. This proved to be an intelligent reading of the German popular mood. The domestic election campaign will dominate the first half of Germany's presidency of the European Union, which begins in a fortnight. Until the elections on October 16, the Germans will be pushing hard on European employment issues, since this has the biggest impact on domestic politics. If the European leaders cannot agree at the Corfu summit this month on a successor for M Delors, then this will also become a problem for the early stages of the German presidency.

After October, if Herr Kohl is re-elected, the more domestically controversial issues such as deregulation at the workplace can enter the European agenda. The post-October mood is likely to be prickly, with the Chancellor becoming more assertive within the Union.

Yet in the view of the Social Democrats, who stumbled badly in the European elections only weeks after failing to force through their candidate for the German presidency — there is nothing inevitable about the re-election of Herr Kohl. "This coalition does not have a majority," said Günther Verheugen of the Social Democratic executive board. He was referring to the failure of the Free Democrats to enter the European Parliament. If the party collapses in the October election as well, Herr Kohl will be left without his traditional partner.

Klaus Kinkel, the Free Democrat leader, was probably right to be confident yesterday: "I am convinced that we will make it in October if we stick to our present alignment and work hard for our votes."

Herr Kohl's aides are quietly working out ways of giving the Free Democrats a helping hand. Perhaps Herr Kinkel could accompany the Chancellor to America to see Germany play in the world football championships. But that would risky were the Germans to lose.

Parties	Votes (1)	Seats
CDU	32.0	39
CSU	6.8	8
SPD	32.2	46
Alliance90/Greens	10.1	12

CDU (Christian Democrat Union); CSU (Christian Social Union); SPD (Social Democrats).

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Abu Nidal man claims Lockerbie bombing

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT



Youssef Shaaban being freed from handcuffs yesterday at his trial in Beirut for a Jordanian diplomat's murder

A MEMBER of the Palestinian terrorist group led by Abu Nidal, Youssef Shaaban, yesterday claimed in a Beirut court that he had carried out the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in Scotland which killed 270 people.

The claim, which startled the court, was being treated with scepticism by Western and Arab security experts. It added another bizarre conspiracy theory to an incident which has been blamed on a number of Middle East suspects, most recently Libya. Last night the Foreign Office in London expressed scepticism, but said it was seeking details of his confession. It said that the investigation had been "long and painstaking," and noted the results had led to charges against two named Libyans.

Others suspected in the past have included Syria, Iran and the Damascus-based group led by Ahmed Jibril, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command. Abu Nidal, reported two months ago by Western intelligence services as being seriously ill, has not featured prominently in any of the main investigations.

The claim yesterday by Mr Shaaban, 29, a member of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council, came during his trial before Lebanon's highest court on charges of assassinating a Jordanian diplomat in Beirut. "I personally blew up the Lockerbie plane," he said. "I have told the investigating magistrate about it before, but my confession was not documented. I say it again now."

Judicial sources said later that the presiding judge had ignored the confession and removed it from court documents. Among the sceptics was Jim Swire, a spokesman for British relatives of the flight 103 victims, who said the claim "should be treated with grave suspicion".

Despite the lack of evidence, the claim could reopen the Lockerbie mystery. Critics of the British and US governments have claimed it was politically convenient to point the finger at Libya rather than Syria.

☐ **Beirut:** Lebanon charged Samir Geagea, Christian former warlord, with masterminding a church bombing that killed 11 worshippers and demanded he be put to death. An indictment accused Mr Geagea, as well as his right-hand man, Fouad Malek, and six followers with being behind the February 27 bombing of a church near Jounieh. *(Reuter)*

Moscow risks backlash with plan to cut military

Moscow: Russia yesterday announced plans to cut its armed forces by 300,000 men in less than four months in a move that could provoke a serious political backlash against President Yeltsin (Richard Beeston writes).

The reduction amounts to one of the deepest single cuts ever undertaken in the history of the Russian armed forces, and will bring the size of the military below two million men for the first time in more than half a century.

The announcement was made by General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, who said he was acting on the instructions of President Yeltsin, the commander-in-chief. General Grachev, a former paratroop commander, said that the total size of the armed forces would be cut from 2.2 million to 1.9 million by October 1. The reductions will be made in all ranks, with senior officers particularly hard hit. By the end of the year 270 out of 2,050 generals will be laid off.

The move was expected after last week's warning to the military by Mr Yeltsin that the Kremlin would no longer tolerate massive military spending at the expense of the country's economic prosperity.

"I know the current budget does not satisfy the military, but the military must carry out their own energetic cutbacks ... I cannot understand their hesitation," he said on Friday. Mr Yeltsin also pointed out the need for reductions in military hardware. Although the armed forces had been seeking a budget of 55 trillion roubles (£19 million), last week the Duma, the lower house of parliament, voted for only three-quarters of that.

General Grachev, whose soldiers helped to restore Mr Yeltsin to power during last October's uprising, has described the lower figure as "starvation rations" and said that Russia's security could be in jeopardy.

His fears have been taken up by the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, which has threatened to veto this year's budget unless the military is granted more money.

Of more concern is the impact that the cuts will have on the demoralised and resentful military, regarded by many as the uncertain political factor that could decide the country's destiny. Once the most powerful and respected institution in the country, the armed forces and the military industrial complex have been the hardest hit by the collapse of the Soviet Union, with an estimated 75 per cent of officers' families now living below the poverty line.

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Weeping followers bury their lost 'Messiah'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK



Grief-stricken followers of Menachem Schneerson crying as his pine coffin is carried out of the Lubavitch headquarters in Brooklyn

THOUSANDS of ultra-Orthodox Lubavitcher Jews streamed through the streets of New York, overcome by grief, to bury the Rebbe many believed was the Messiah.

Menachem Schneerson, leader of the most powerful Hasidic sect, died at a New York hospital on Sunday aged 92, three months after he was paralysed by a stroke, without clarifying whether he was the Messiah he said would soon arrive.

The white-bearded, blue-eyed Schneerson never claimed to be divine, but his death stunned many in his worldwide flock. He had no children and no designated successor. "We're hoping that maybe it's not true, maybe some doctor's going to come along and say he's really alive," said Rabbi Shea Hecht.

Lubavitchers from around the world, particularly from the small town of Kfar Habad outside Tel Aviv that is the movement's base in Israel, booked flights to New York in the hope that Schneerson would somehow proclaim his kingship before being buried.

An estimated 12,000 followers escorted his plain pine coffin from the movement's world headquarters in Brooklyn on Sunday afternoon, but his body arrived at his final resting place in a Queens cemetery without the expected miracle. Mourners, some shrieking hysterically, surged forward to touch the coffin as it was brought out of the Lubavitcher headquarters. As far as the eye could see, there were bearded men in the Hasidim's traditional black trousers, coat and hat. Behind police barricades, women wept wildly. Men tore their shirts or jacket lapels as a sign of mourning.

Police struggled to control the tens of thousands who waited under spotlights early yesterday at the cemetery as Schneerson was buried in a small granite mausoleum beside his father-in-law, his predecessor as the sixth Rebbe of the Lubavitch dynasty founded in Russia in the 18th century. Several police and mourners suffered minor injuries and several Lubavitchers were arrested for disorderly conduct.

"The body departs but the soul is alive," said Hersel Carchi, a Lubavitcher elder. "If his students and disciples carry out his beliefs then he is still alive." The devotion of his followers gave Rebbe Schneerson political influence far beyond the numbers of his movement, estimated at about 300,000 worldwide. He never visited Israel, because he said he could not do so until the return of the Messiah, but he exercised great influence there, often angering Jews of other traditions. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said in Jerusalem: "The Rebbe's death is a loss for all of the Jewish people. A great sage is gone, a distinguished leader."

At the White House, President Clinton said in a statement from the White House: "He, as much as any other individual, was responsible over the last half-century for advancing the instruction of ethics and morality to our young people."

Schneerson was the last of the dynasty that founded the movement and his death leaves the Lubavitch movement with no clear successor, raising fears of a power struggle.

Sect members say the two key candidates are Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, the movement's official spokesman for more than 35 years, and Rabbi Leib Groner, who worked as Schneerson's secretary for more than 40 years.

Carter flies into Seoul as South calls out six million for army drill

North Koreans talk of war and decide to quit nuclear agency

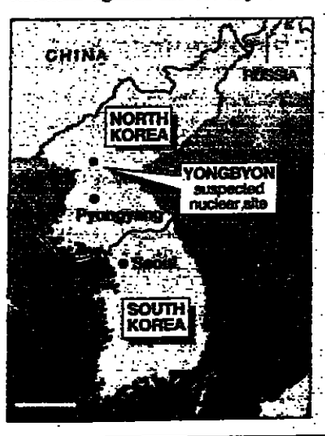
BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF



Jimmy Carter, former US President, and his wife Rosalynn, arriving at Seoul airport yesterday on the way to meet North Korea's leader

NORTH Korea has decided to withdraw from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, a Japanese news agency reported yesterday. In Vienna, Hans-Friedrich Meyer, for the agency, said last night that it had not yet received any message from Pyongyang. If the withdrawal report is confirmed, the international community would have no further right to inspect nuclear facilities in the North.

The authorities in North Korea renewed their talk of war if the international community imposed sanctions against the country in the widening controversy over its refusal to allow inspections of its nuclear facilities. "Sanctions against our republic is immediately a war, and a war is merciless," the government-controlled Korean Central News Agency reported. "The moves for stifling us are assuming growing intensity," the agency said. "Under this condition, we cannot but take tough action."



As nuclear tension rose, South Korea ordered the mobilisation of its 6.6 million reservists for the country's biggest civil defence drill in years. Jimmy Carter, the former American President, arrived in Seoul for a private visit, during which he will hold talks with senior officials in an attempt to ease the confrontation.

Mr Carter, who has previously stepped in to try to resolve international disputes, is not on a mission as a formal mediator this time. He plans to make a four-day visit to the North beginning tomorrow, a move the South has criticised because it fears the visit will weaken the push for sanctions and offer Pyongyang a propaganda bonus.

The UN Security Council is set to debate imposing sanctions against North Korea after its refusal to allow full inspections of a five-megawatt experimental nuclear facility at Yongbyon. The North Koreans yesterday also defended Friday's nuclear test by China, adding pointedly: "Nuclear states which have relatively few nuclear weapons cannot but stand against the nuclear threat of the United States and seek a self-defence measure." Kim Deok, the South Korean spy chief, told legislators he believed that the North had ambitions to build an atomic arsenal and perhaps export nuclear material. He said a reactor in the North now under construction could by 1998 annually produce up to 440lb of plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear arms. "North Korea's ultimate goal is to possess nuclear weapons, for which it is trying to buy time," Mr Deok said.

Because of the rising tensions, the South has stepped up war preparation measures. The latest move, the order to call up reserves for a nationwide drill, followed an emergency security meeting of senior officials. Seoul has long staged monthly civil defence drills, but this month's is being expanded to cover the entire country and will include more personnel and equipment. The drill will involve all civil defence corps members, whose job is to organise evacuations and provide first aid for air-raid victims. Almost all army reservists aged below 50 will be mobilised for the drill, officials said. During the 20-minute exercise, streets are usually cleared, people rush to shelters and traffic comes to a halt. Large-scale evacuation drills are conducted at selected locations.

At the weekend, Koji Kakizawa, the Japanese Foreign Minister, was in Peking, where he tried over the weekend to win Chinese support for sanctions. Mr Kakizawa conferred by telephone last night with Han Sung Joo, the South's Foreign Minister.

Also in the Chinese capital, Brian Howe, the Australian Deputy Prime Minister, met Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, yesterday and said that China wanted more information from the International Atomic Energy Agency so it could better help to resolve the issue. Mr Howe did not say what information Mr Li sought.

NEWS IN BRIEF

US wins backing for Haiti invasion

Washington: A majority of Latin American and Caribbean nations have privately told the United States that they would support an invasion of Haiti if tough new sanctions fail to oust its military regime (Martin Fletcher writes).

The disclosure, in *The New York Times*, came as the regime declared a state of emergency, warning that Haiti faced "extreme danger" and possible "invasion and occupation". Nations in "America's back yard" have traditionally been hostile to anything that smacks of "*Yanqui* imperialism", but that now appears less of a problem. While Mexico and Brazil remain strongly opposed to military intervention, some countries have even offered troops to an invasion force.

Town seized

Kigali: Major-General Paul Kagame, the Rwandan rebel military chief, said his forces captured the strategic town of Gitarama, former seat of the rump government southwest of here, during heavy overnight fighting. *(Reuter)*

Brazil killings

São Paulo: Gunmen burst into a house and shot dead 12 adults, including a woman aged 75, in the suburbs of the Brazilian city. In a separate incident, three men entered a house and shot dead six men dining together. *(Reuter)*

Minister shot

Nairobi: Oduya Oprong, a Kenyan planning minister, was in a stable condition after being shot in the head as he drove into his home. Police arrested three people, including a businessman, suspected of carrying out the attack. *(AFP)*

Child sex slaves

Bangkok: An international conference on child prostitution, organised by End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, was told there are at least a million child sex slaves in Asia, the majority in India, China and Thailand. *(Reuter)*

Asylum plea

Havana: Twenty-one Cubans drove a lorry through the German Embassy's fence and asked for asylum, a diplomatic source said. On May 28, 124 Cubans entered the residence of the Belgian Ambassador, trying to emigrate. *(Reuter)*

Guard change

Tehran: Iranian Revolutionary Guards personnel are to change jobs with their wives for a day on Thursday in an attempt to become familiar with each others' responsibilities, an official said. *(AFP)*

Abiola starts recruiting for rival Nigerian Cabinet

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, AND MICHAEL BINYON

CHIEF Moshood Abiola, the Muslim millionaire who declared himself president of Nigeria at the weekend in defiance of the military regime, was believed to be holding secret talks across the country yesterday aimed at forming a coalition government.

His quest for a rival Cabinet came at the beginning of a protest week called by pro-democracy campaigners and aimed at forcing General Sani Abacha, the military ruler, to hand power to Chief Abiola, the undeclared winner of elections annulled by the previous regime of General Ibrahim Babangida a year ago.

Armed police patrolled the streets of Lagos and about 600 protesters marched along a main road in the city. Many banks and offices in Lagos, Nigeria's commercial hub, remained shut and traffic was lighter than normal. There were long queues at bus stops as people waited in vain for transport. It was unclear whether the buses were not running because of a strike in support of Chief Abiola, or because of fuel shortages.

Armed police, many dressed in riot gear, guarded strategic points and patrolled areas where demonstrators and police clashed during pro-democracy protests after last year's election was annulled.

General Abacha's government has ordered Chief Abiola's arrest and offered a reward of 50,000 naira (£1,500) for information leading to his capture. Patrick Smith, editor of *Africa Confidential*, said yesterday: "I gather Abiola is bombing around the country trying to get 20 or 30 names together so he can announce a new government. I believe he must act soon, or he will lose the impetus. These people will then presumably also go into hiding and you may get government by fax for a while."

General Abacha appears to be unruffled by the challenge to his regime, and has travelled to Tunis to attend the Organisation of African Unity summit, where he is due to meet Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and a former Foreign Minister of Nigeria.

Britain, with substantial trade with Nigeria, has been noticeably reluctant to speak out on the lack of democracy, and has issued only general statements urging all sides to engage in "constructive dialogue". A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain was following developments closely, but would not comment on the legitimacy of the government or other internal developments in Nigeria — an attitude sharply contrasting with outspoken comment on Haiti and other countries where the armed forces have usurped power.

Sperm bank offers lesbians gay donors

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WITHIN six months America may enter a new stage in the fight for gay equality with the opening of a sperm bank where lesbians can receive donations exclusively from either homosexual or bisexual males.

The Rainbow Flag Health Services Clinic is expected to open in Oakland, California, by the end of the year under the direction of Leland Traiman, a former nurse with the San Francisco Health Department, who says: "If a straight man wants to donate sperm, fine — but I won't accept it."

Mr Traiman claims that sperm banks have always discriminated against gay and bisexual donors. Although the reason given is always Aids, he said, the root of their disquiet was bigotry.

The clinic, which will follow regulation screening procedure for HIV, will also inform the recipients who the donors are as soon as the child is three months old. Under California law, if a woman is inseminated by the sperm of a man who is not her husband then the man has no parental responsibilities. "This way men will have contact with their biological children," said Mr Traiman.

As an added incentive to the programme, Mr Traiman has already started the Prospective Queer Parent dating service for homosexual men and women interested in starting families.

Robert Knight, director of the cultural affairs for the Family Research Council, has descibed the proposed sperm bank as "hideous". "It's what happens when people who see life as an experiment use children as guinea pigs," he said.

At least one other sperm bank in the area claims that up to 40 per cent of its clients are lesbians and none of the donors has been asked about his sexual orientation.

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Spycatcher with a secret style

What sort of fashion does the director-general of MI5 like to wear?

Rachel Kelly ferrets out the facts

TO DATE, Stella Rimington's dress sense has not been a topic of much interest. Granted, we noted her taste for chunky jewellery last year when she sported an amber bauble on her wedding finger, amber suitably enough being a talisman for protection. Spy-watchers quipped that the ring was big enough to contain within it a satellite link with MI5 HQ. That aside, there were so many other riveting details to be gleaned about the director-general of MI5 that we could leave to one side what she chose to wear.

However, since Mrs Rimington stepped on stage to deliver the Dimbleby Lecture on BBC1 on Sunday night, her sartorial style has become a talking point. Did you see that primrose yellow jacket with the square shoulders and elaborate lattice-work embroidery strips? What about the delicate bejewelled broach on her lapel? The jacket's boxy chic was a far cry from the three-quarter length black dress embroidered with beaded flowers that Mrs Rimington wore to the reception at the Royal Academy annual dinner last summer.



Stella Rimington: high street dresser

The ensemble shouts power dressing, says Lowri Turner, fashion editor of the London *Evening Standard*. She believes that Mrs Rimington has been given some image-projecting advice.

The first clue is in her choice of colour. "Yellow is a nice jaunty colour which is meant to be feminine," Ms Turner says. "This is balanced by the fact that the jacket is quite simply cut." Added to this — to give the right touch of seriousness — is the sombreness of the black silk T-shirt, black skirt and what Ms Turner describes as her "harsh" elfin hair-cut. To avoid over-egging the masculine touch, her neckline is softened with a gold necklace.

Anna Harvey, deputy editor of the fashion bible *Vogue* and arguably one of the most powerful arbiters of taste in Britain, says Mrs Rimington succeeded in coming across as businesslike but not for a moment dull and drab. "It's a very classic square-shouldered jacket with lapels, teamed with a black skirt and T-shirt." By chosing a nice bright colour, she redeems the outfit from any charge of being boring.

"One would have been less impressed if she had worn a navy jacket, as one might have expected her to do," Ms Harvey says. "It was a pleasant surprise that she chose a yellow jacket."

No one, however, would suggest that Mrs Rimington has any high-fashion sense. Nothing that has emerged about her suggests a lady who is a shopaholic or who follows the latest tangles and twists in the world of frocks and those who describe pale green as eau-de-Nil. Friends have said that clothes were not a subject on which they had ever heard Mrs Rimington express strong, if any, views.

"She is not directional," Ms Harvey says. "She is not in any sense a fashion-victim. But then one would hate for someone in that position to be so."

Ms Turner agrees. "Fashion is quite romantic at the moment," she says. "But that is not to say that women who work in an office can easily wear the latest fashions."

Mrs Rimington is more high-street than high style. The no-nonsense ordinariness of her jacket is in keeping with what we already know of Mrs Rimington's life. After Nottingham High School for Girls and Edinburgh University, Stella Whitehouse, the only daugher of an engineer joined the Civil Service as an archivist.

In 1963 she married John Rimington, now chief executive of the Health and Safety Executive. Friends say that she strives to remain normal. She takes her daughters for driving lessons, walks her dog and is a dab hand, apparently, at making meringues. Marks & Spencer is said to be her favourite clothes shop, although she earns about £80,000 a year. Her style choices uncannily resemble those of that other iron lady, Baroness Thatcher.

NOT ONE fashion expert I spoke to could identify which designer had created her jacket — unlike the dress worn by the actress Elizabeth Hurley at the opening of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, when the entire fashion fraternity knew instantly, of course, that it was by Gianni Versace. One suggested it might be Alexon, but that the high street brand was not one which often graced the fashion pages and one could not be quite sure.

The obvious answer was to find out the provenance of the jacket from MI5 itself. This proved no easy feat. My calls were referred to and from Scotland Yard, the Home Office, and, I was led to believe, the inner sanctum of Mrs Rimington's office itself. But all my efforts proved fruitless. No one would reveal where the jacket comes from. It's nice to know that for all the Secret Service's new openness, it can still keep mum about the things that really matter.



STEPHEN MARKES

An undeniable toff, Edward St Aubyn shamelessly bites the hands he has shaken at the best parties — in the books his aristocracy drip with snobbery and spite

High on the truth drug

Edward St Aubyn has purged his childhood pain by writing.

Julia Llewellyn Smith puts him through another ordeal

Mid morning in a Brompton brasserie, the ladies who lunch are sipping stiff espressos, protecting their hairdos from the drizzle, planning future assaults on Joseph and the Conran Shop. In through the plate glass doors swings a pale young man, slim as a clothes line, in a discreet grey suit, smacking of understated wealth.

"Teddy!" cries a glittering woman with a long, blonde plait. "What are *you* doing here? Are you coming to the party tomorrow night?" Edward St Aubyn twitches like a moth. "I don't know, I don't think I got the invitation. Look, I'm being interviewed, this is..." He ushers me to a corner table. "I'm sorry I didn't introduce you," he says, not catching my eye. "I just wanted to get on with this business."

"This business" is being interviewed, a new ordeal for St Aubyn who, at 34, is a world-weary veteran of most of life's horrors. His first two novels, *Never Mind* and *Bad News*, were launched without publicity: "I'm a very private person, as people say when they invite *Hello!* into their drawing rooms." Now, with *Some Hope*, he has put the lid on the trilogy and the questioning can begin.

Not, if you believe the tag "autobiographical", that there are many questions left to ask. Nor, if what you have read is true, do you much want to probe. If St Aubyn has written his life story, it is a life that began at the age of five, when his father raped him, not once, but repeatedly.

By the time he was 16, he was a heroin addict, "very solitary and desperately unhappy". For the next ten years his life was riddled with "ambiguous overdoses". "I don't know if they were suicide attempts or not," he says. "I didn't see any point in living."

One thing kept him alive. "I was at the end of my tether, but to write I would live. I was writing to save my life."

So, in 1988, he began to squeeze out the truth, in *Never Mind*, a spare, bleak story of a group of adults being very nasty to each other in the South of France. There is an alcoholic mother, a sadist father, their snobbish, vacant acolytes and the toddler, Patrick Melrose. The centre of the book is the rape scene, in which Patrick, uncomprehending, nonetheless recognises "the humiliation of his position".

Never Mind was published two years ago, followed quickly by *Bad News*, where 20-something Patrick, now a confirmed junkie, goes to New York on a crazed, hallucinatory mission to pick up his father's ashes, a trip brimming with despairing hatred for himself and others. Now, with *Some Hope*, St Aubyn delivers a resolution, as a drug-free Patrick finds a pinprick of optimism in a Gloucestershire marquee.

The marquee is all-important. Patrick is an undeniable toff and so

> 'I became a hopeless junkie and my life slid into chaos'

is his creator. Edward was born in Cornwall, where there have been St Aubyns since the Norman Conquest, a fact borne out by his freckled skin and red hair. He had a cosmopolitan childhood — "my parents were restlessly searching for somewhere where they wouldn't fight so badly" — before heading for public school (Westminster) and Oxford. "I was already a heroin addict by the time I tried to get into Oxford," he says in predictably strangled tones. "I thought if I didn't I would become a hopeless junkie and my life would slide into chaos, and I did and I became a hopeless junkie and my life slid into chaos."

He was at Oxford in name only, preferring London and New York. "I spent weeks on end alone; if I met someone I knew I felt really disappointed and crushed by the recognition," he says. How did he afford this lifestyle? St Aubyn seems surprised I ask. He is from a background where funding is rarely questioned. "I inherited some money and blew it by living that way," he says dismissively.

He turned up for his finals with a stash of heroin in his pocket and a hollowed-out Biro to snort it with. He had, however, forgotten a pen for writing. "I had very little time to write with and my results reflected that," he says, not boasting. "I got the worst degree in my year."

Clean for seven years now, St Aubyn is prime fodder for "Jennifer's Diary". He is godfather to Earl Spencer's youngest, friend of the Rothschilds, and his former wife Nicola Shulman, of the Milton Shulman dynasty, is now Marchioness of Normanby. Unembarrassed, St Aubyn bites the hands he has shaken at the best parties. His aristocracy drip with snobbery and spite, their worst values epitomised by a senior member of the royal family who appears in *Some Hope* in a vicious portrait that is certainly drawn from life.

St Aubyn is an acute observer, a witty satirist who stumbles on the brink of caricature, but never falls. But the social observations detract from the more serious themes of forgiveness and self-renewal. If Patrick had had his epiphany in a pub in the Old Kent Road, the books would not be selling so well.

The test will come with the next novel, which will be long and non-autobiographical. Do not, however, expect the sequel to *Pollyanna*. St Aubyn has charm, he has perfect manners, but they mask an edgy anxiety. He is disarmingly frank on some subjects, self-protectively diffident on others, unwilling, he explains, to throw away five years' work in a few neat quotes. "I'm a rather plodding person, I don't think there are easy answers to anything."

Patrick overcomes his rage simply by telling his best friend about the rape. St Aubyn has conquered his by telling the world.

"I didn't start writing for therapeutic reasons, but incidentally it has had a cathartic benefit. My mind is no longer a nest of scorpions."

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Going through a sticky patch with diets

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I swanned around in my new jeans until more normal eating patterns gradually restored me to my usual proportions. The jeans have mocked me from my bottom drawer ever since.

I have never believed in diets. They are undignified, and anyway, I am far too busy to think carefully about what I eat. I never weigh myself, believing that scales encourage anorexia.

So the US-made patch which is supposed to make weight-loss a virtually diet-free process was seductive. Ignoring unresolved medical questions, I stuck the 3cm-square pink patch on a hairless part of my arm and waited for the metabolic miracle to burn off the pounds while I ate my usual diet of toast and tea, sandwiches and supper.

The patch has been available in continental Europe for about a year. In the UK, at least one Sunday paper carried advertisements for the same product under the name Le Patch at the weekend. The ad claims: "Le Patch Slimming Programme aims to help you lose weight without having to alter your lifestyle drastically." It adds that the patch and "good calorie-controlled eating habits" should help users to lose weight. Four weeks' supply costs £35.

They should be worn all day, but removed at night and replaced the following morning. All the wearer has to do is drink eight glasses of water a day, and follow a reasonably balanced diet.

The patches deliver an extract from the *Fucus vesiculosus* seaweed into the blood stream. This is supposed to stimulate the metabolism to burn off excess calories. If that sounds like witchcraft, the science behind it seems straightforward. Once in the bloodstream, an iodine compound found within the seaweed is said to activate the motor of the metabolic process, the thyroid gland. The principle is that the better the thyroid works, the more calories are burnt off.

Conventional diets cannot do this. A sluggish thyroid cannot be starved into action. This means that however little you eat, what does go down may not be burnt off. The result is what most dieters experience: hunger and frustration.

Thousands of continental fatties have ignored the medical question marks that hang over the product. The UK distributors, Medison, say they have not heard of a single case of adverse side-effects.

Tom Sanders, a professor of nutrition at King's College, London, says while the patches are probably not dangerous, they are unlikely to help slimmers: "The only way to lose weight with one is to stick it over your mouth.

"The product is masquerading as a medicine which it is not," he says. "While it is unlikely to be dangerous, it is untried and untested and it might cause small adverse reactions."

The patches were withdrawn from the US market in 1988, because companies marketing them could not substantiate weight-loss claims in accordance with the Food and Drug Administration's regulations. The FDA has not approved any weight loss patches.

Medison says that Transdermal Products, the US manufacturers, conducted trials on 62 women and 38 men who were overweight. After 60 days the average weight loss was 13.6 per cent for women and 12.5 per cent for men. The report concludes that all participants lost weight after 60 days, with one person losing 70lb.

Tony Jenson, a Medison consultant, says: "In our experience the fatter you are, the faster you will experience a weight loss."

Patch on arm, I braved my flatmate's weighing machine. I would be a pound lighter by the same time the following week, press reports suggested, so long as I followed the instructions. The weight would even stay off, if I ate appropriately.

The patch, a rather unattractive shade of pink printed with red curly writing, sat hidden on my inner arm. Every now and then I patted it, a little worried that it might fall off and embarrass me.

For two weeks colleagues looked me up and down, convinced I was shrinking before their very eyes, even as I ate my way through my sandwiches. But each day the dial on the scales told me a different story, before my morning shower. At the end of 14 days the irrefutable evidence was that I had gained rather than lost that pound.

Mr Jenson says: "For someone who is not grossly obese, two weeks may not be long enough to see a significant result." The product had been tried by some UK citizens before its British launch, he says, and they had all lost weight.

I am all out of patches now, and have started avoiding the scales once more. Perhaps I'll give the jeans to my flatmate.

CATHERINE MILTON



After 14 days Catherine Milton had gained a pound

When children suffer head injuries, their special problems often go unrecognised, says **Ian Robertson**

Alan ran into the road



Alan Douglas-Wardle in his wheelchair swing. Only a minority end up with such severe disabilities but all need help, from physiotherapy to tutoring in reading

It was the moment of every parent's nightmares. A mother and her five-year-old chatting with neighbours in a driveway. She feels a spit of rain and begins to wind down the conversation, casually calling to her son over her shoulder: "I suppose we'd better be going home." A bright, obedient child, he takes her, in his literal-minded, five-year-old way, at her word, and shoots out of the driveway towards his house on the other side of the street.

The paralysing awfulness of the moment is etched permanently in Judith Wardle's mind to this day, ten years on. A child's rapid-fire reactions brisker than any adult's to reach out to stop him: the shriek of brakes, his mother's scream, so piercing that the whole village heard and thought a woman had been struck, not a child. A child who would have been dead had not the driver of the car been a doctor who had the uncanny strength of mind to leap out of his car and resuscitate the unconscious boy, Alan Douglas-Wardle.

Alan's mother, Judith Wardle, had given up a successful academic career as a university lecturer in English literature — Blake her speciality — to study singing in Paris not long after her only son was born. So, at the age of five, Alan was bright, bilingual and back in this country where his mother was embarking on a career as a classically trained professional singer.

It took Alan five weeks to emerge from the coma, and when he did his mother had no idea whether there was any understanding left in her son, as he was neither speaking nor making purposeful movements. Three weeks into the coma, pressure had built up in his brain. But the doctors looking after him, who were not neurosurgeons, did not immediately recognise this for the critical event that it was, and there was a long delay before Alan was seen by specialists and operated on to relieve the pressure. Mrs Wardle will never know if any extra damage to the brain occurred because of this delay.



> That a child's brain adjusts to damage is a myth

In January 1985, Alan came home, still neither speaking nor moving purposefully and living off baby food spooned into him by his mother. By April he had begun to nod and shake his head, and in May he went to a special school for the physically handicapped, where not long afterwards he began to produce a few words, albeit unclearly. By this stage Alan was in a wheelchair, partially paralysed down the right side of his body and finding it hard to make movements, even with his non-paralysed side. He also had lost the ability to read which he had gained during the six months or so of pre-accident schooling, and he had very poor concentration, was easily distracted and remembered little from one day to the next.

Around 40,000 children are admitted to hospital each year in Britain with a head injury, and though only a very small minority of these will end up with permanent disabilities as severe as those suffered by Alan Douglas-Wardle's, there are certainly many thousands whose special problems are not even recognised, far less provided for.

Mrs Wardle's painful apprenticeship in the profound inadequacies of the National Health Service in rehabilitating child head injury led her to chair the Children's Head Injury Trust, a charitable body whose aim is to try to improve the lot of head-injured children and their families. She explained to me that the lack of provision for people like her son has several sources.

First, some eminent paediatricians believe that rehabilitation does not work, and so provide no money for it. Second, professionals who work with children may believe that their general skills equip them to tackle head injury, when in fact highly specialised advice is needed for all aspects of the child's care, from physiotherapy to tutoring in reading. And third, a myth is abroad that the young brain is sufficiently fresh and "plastic" that almost all children's brains can reorganise and adjust to damage, leaving few problems.

A further reason may be the invisibility and subtlety of the most common problems arising from head injury — forgetfulness, poor concentration, bad-temperedness, tiredness, distractibility, poor organisation, behaviour problems, difficulties in learning — that may be unrecognised at school. So, for instance, children may be censured by repeatedly not doing homework, when in fact this is caused by forgetfulness induced by the injury.

Mrs Wardle says that Alan had had virtually no resources or rehabilitation from the NHS: "When I'm really angry, I ask what right did they have to save my child if they weren't going to do anything for his quality of life afterwards?" Alan is currently at a residential school for the physically handicapped. He was funded by his local education authority to go for a year to Britain's only established specialist child head-injury centre — Tadworth Court Children's Hospital in Surrey. That was in 1989, and during that year his speech and concentration improved. Also at Tadworth, and for the first time in five years, the psychological and emotional difficulties in coming to terms with the disability experienced by both Mrs Wardle and Alan himself were identified and tackled.



Alan, aged five and a half, ten days before the accident

Now aged 51, Mrs Wardle is scouring the country for a residential college which will take him for two — three at a pinch — years until he is 18 or 19. There are only a handful and he has already been turned down for one. Then there is the question of long-term care.

"I have refused to think about how he would have been had there been no accident," Mrs Wardle told me. But the pain continues nevertheless. In recent years, from time to time she will see a vivid flash-image of an accident happening before her eyes: she would have doubted her sanity had she not been a scholar of Blake, and knew the artist's ability to project his mind's pictures so vividly in front of his eyes that he could copy them precisely. But while Blake saw a thousand images, she has only the one to haunt her.

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The agony caused by botched cosmetic surgery gets a Commons airing

Time to cut out the cowboys

About 60,000 people in Britain consult doctors each year for a bit of surgical remodelling. Some want no more than an unsightly mole removed, others hope inches can be taken off their thighs or years off their faces. Too often all they achieve is scars, pain and disfigurement.

Embarrassment drives many people to seek help from the private clinics, some staffed by ill-trained surgeons with little experience, located via the classified ads in newspapers.

Today, Ann Clwyd, the Labour MP for Cynon Valley, will present a ten-minute rule Bill calling for regulation of the practice of cosmetic surgery in the private sector. Although it stands no chance of becoming law, its aim is to expose the murkier corners of the nip-and-tuck business.

"There are numerous cases of members of the public being misled by unscrupulous cowboys who run some of the private cosmetic clinics," she says. "These victims are easily swept under the carpet because of their intense embarrassment and shame. Animals have better protection than people."

About 200 doctors are estimated to practise cosmetic surgery in Britain, but only 150 are fully qualified plastic surgeons. Some are not surgeons at all.

> We see many legs full of lumps, bumps, dents and craters

The Bill, which has been welcomed by organisations representing plastic surgeons, seeks to establish a register for cosmetic surgeons and set minimum standards of training. It also seeks to control the practice of rewarding surgeons according to the number of patients they persuade to undergo operations.

Barry Jones, honorary secretary of the British Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons, a division of the Royal College of Surgeons, and consultant at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital says: "There is no restriction on anyone doing any surgical procedure at all. I have seen some painful and disfiguring breast reductions, and nose operations that have left the patients unable to breathe. There will always be some operations that don't go as planned, but the better trained you are the fewer problems you are likely to have."

Douglas Murray, honorary secretary of the umbrella body, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, and consultant at the Stourbridge Wordsley Hospital in the West Midlands, says: "These techniques can make a significant change to people's lives. Whoever performs them should be well-trained technically and in giving advice to patients."

One private clinic, the National Hospital for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in Bromsgrove, Worcester, claims that one in five of its patients attend for corrective surgery for operations botched elsewhere. "There are probably many more who have had a bad experience but are too embarrassed or shy to seek help," a spokesman says.

Liposuction, a technique for removing fat from under the skin, causes particular problems. "We see many legs full of lumps, bumps, dents and craters after liposuction because some doctors have not been properly trained in this procedure," the spokesman adds.

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Why I weep for the Tory party

George Gardiner explains how the Government lost touch

No, I am not panicking. I have worked for the Tory Party for more than 40 years now, in bad times as well as good, and when I see the depth to which it has sunk in public esteem, my temptation is not to panic but to weep. So it is not in panic that I conclude, after the latest disasters, that our party can no longer go on just as before, as if nothing had happened. Some radical surgery is needed whatever the short-term embarrassment.

The warnings have been there for too long — from Newbury, then Christchurch, and now Eastleigh; from the county elections last year, and the district and borough elections this year; from slumping party membership, as once enthusiastic party workers disappear into the gloom. It was never as bad as this, not in 1981, nor even 1974.

Yet whenever backbenchers have sought to draw ministers' attention to what is happening, we have been admonished for "rocking the boat". When a few weeks ago I pointed out that many of our traditional supporters are effectively on strike, burning coals were poured on my head from on high. Just pretend it is not happening, we were told: when economic recovery becomes apparent, all our old supporters will come flooding back with gratitude shining from their eyes.

Some hope! Our economy has been on the mend for 18 months or more, but tax increases have nullified any sense of returning prosperity. The connection between an improving economy and improving political fortunes of the party in power has been broken.

I was amazed to hear Michael Heseltine dismiss the latest disasters as a "short-term blip". It must be the longest blip in post-war history. I know it has become axiomatic that ministers are out of touch, yet I know that Michael cannot be as out of touch as this. Like others in the Cabinet, he is simply whistling to keep his spirits up. For our active workers in the constituencies — those, that is, who are still with us — this just will not do. Greater honesty is called for.

Some react by saying we should drop John Major, that we would have a better chance of winning the next election under almost any other prominent Cabinet minister. I am not so sure, and I have an instinctive repugnance against making any individual the scapegoat. By common consent, he led a good Euro-campaign. His appeal for a "multi-track, multi-speed, multi-layered" Community correctly reflected the public mood. Perhaps it would have been better made before the campaign began, but it did reveal a Prime Minister who is listening, then leading.

But John does have a credibility problem. I drew his words to the attention of a party supporter who was threatening to withhold her Euro-vote, asking "Isn't this what you want him to say?" "Oh yes," she replied, "but you said the same over that majority voting business, and look what happened then." John will have to dig his heels in at several Euro-summits to undo the damage of that fiasco.

Others look to a Cabinet reshuffle to save our bacon. One is certainly overdue, but it needs to be a reconstruction rather than a reshuffle: another round of musical chairs will not do. There is dead wood to chop out, and talent awaiting promotion. A fresh team will offer a basis for political recovery, but cannot in itself guarantee one. For the root of our problem lies not in personality but in policy, and unless there is a radical review of policy, a Cabinet reconstruction will come to naught.

We need first to look at those policies that have driven away so many of our natural supporters, the ballot-box strikers, for until they are motivated again our appeal can never spread further afield. This should be based on an honest recognition that our grassroots workers are more in touch with public opinion than are many ministers.

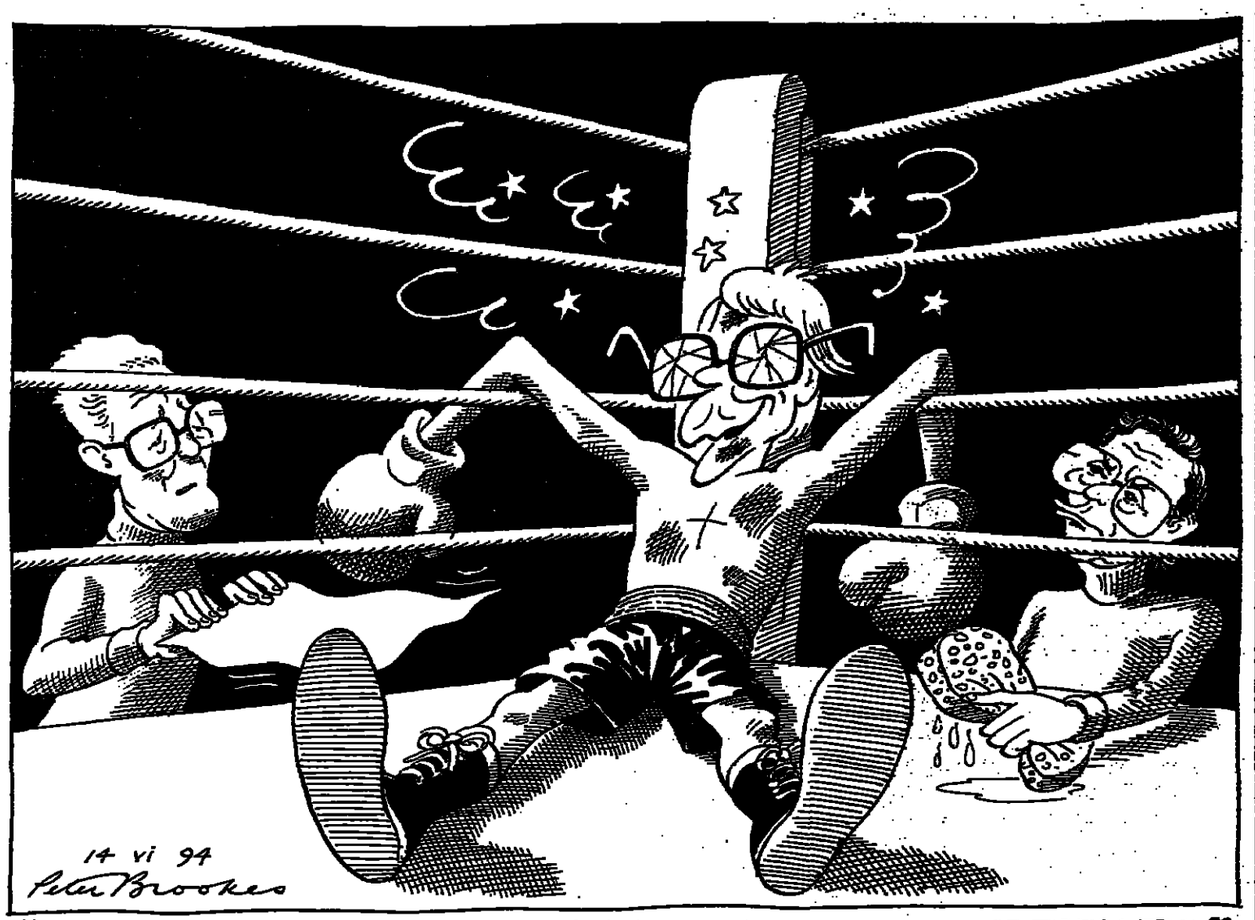
Many of these natural supporters cannot see much difference between the policies of the Government and those of the Opposition. This was certainly the conclusion drawn from the Maastricht debate, which found all front benches in agreement except over the social chapter. Here, at least, John Major is now addressing the public's anxiety, establishing a clear difference between our approach to Europe and that of our opponents. The same now needs to be done in a whole range of domestic policies where we ought to have the advantage but have forfeited it: the maintenance of law and order, strong defences and above all economic management, public spending and taxation.

> The Prime Minister does have a credibility problem

Millions applauded Michael Howard's party conference pledge of the biggest crackdown on lawlessness for years, yet that support is dissipated every time we read of a lenient sentence, of justice denied by Crown Prosecution Service short-cuts or of safari holidays for delinquents. Ordinary voters' sense of fairness is outraged each time they read of bonanza awards for pregnant servicewomen or an employer penalised for not stopping Irish jokes on his shopfloor. Habitual Tories feel betrayed when traditional regiments are axed. Those running the health service read a "Programme for Action for Ethnic Minority Staff" and ask if this is really a Tory Government.

Above all else, we must re-establish our credentials as the low tax party. If fiscal rectitude is to be preserved, this will mean taking the axe to public spending in a way that no minister has had the courage to do before. If this supreme challenge is faced, there is no reason why we should not win back our lost supporters and win a general election in three years' time. But if it is ducked, the likelihood is that we shall lose, whoever happens to be Prime Minister.

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"THIS IS OUR BEST DEFEAT IN THIRTY YEARS"

Blair's breakthrough

After 20 years, Labour almost looks safe to elect again, argues **Peter Riddell**

Tony Blair has already won his first victory, more than five weeks before he is formally elected as Labour leader. The strong Labour performance in the European elections — its best in a national contest since 1966 — is a testament not just to the legacy of John Smith in making Labour safe and respectable again, but also to the potential drawing power of a more outward-looking party under Mr Blair. All the media talk of the past month about his appeal to voters in the South may have boosted the party's vote in anticipation of his succession. The Blair effect already exists: MORI's exit poll points to unusually high direct switching by former Tories to Labour. Paradoxically, if Mr Smith were alive today, Labour might still have won its victories in East Anglia and the Midlands but without attracting so many voters in the South. This might have allowed the Liberal Democrats to win more seats from the Tories, and so reopened speculation about John Major's leadership.

In that respect, the elections have simplified the choice facing Britain. This is not whether Mr Major can survive as Prime Minister. He can in the short term, although despite his fighting counter-attack yesterday from the garden of Downing Street, his longer-term position remains precarious. The real question is whether the Tories can recover in face of a resurgent Labour Party.

As so often with mid-term elections, the European campaign promised more than it delivered. Instead of resulting in a knockout blow, the elections left the contestants, whether groggy or triumphant, in place to fight another bout. John Major has, yet again, defied the sceptics to continue his great survivor act. Labour, for once, did not disappoint on polling day, but the party has seen too many mid-term victories followed by general election defeats yet to feel sure of office in 1996 or 1997. The Liberal Democrats have, for the first time, won seats in the European Parliament, but across the country they have lost ground by comparison with their recent successes.

Yet the outcome is not just another mid-term setback. The Tory share of the vote is its lowest in any national election this century, and about the same as Labour took in its worst ever result, in 1983. The Government is deeply unpopular with many of its traditional supporters. About the best that can be claimed is that the Tories avoided a complete rout. Mr Major's leading role in the campaign, setting the terms of the debate, may have annoyed Tory pro-Europeans but it seems to have persuaded some supporters to come out in the end, judging by the turnout in some southern seats. The strong Labour showing also prevented the Liberal Democrats from winning some seats in Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire. The Tories are now bumping along the bottom, and their support has been lower for a longer time than ever before.

The road to electoral victory has never been steeper. That does not mean it cannot be climbed. There is nothing inevitable about elections. Peter Snow's projections for the BBC of what the Commons would look like if Thursday's votes were repeated in a general election are worthless, except perhaps as a means of worrying jittery Tory MPs. And jittery they certainly are. Some are privately writing off the next election, but they tend to be older MPs thinking of retiring, or disaffected younger members looking forward to the battles of Opposition to advance their views and careers.

> Labour seems at last to have banished memories of the splits and extremism of past decades

The Tory optimists argue that the party has nearly three years until the next election in which to win back disillusioned supporters. Already there have been hints about tax cuts before the election, although Mr Major sought to lower expectations. However, ahead of the Cabinet's usual summer discussion of public spending prospects, Treasury ministers are already using the carrot of eventual tax cuts to persuade their colleagues of the continued need for a tight squeeze on expenditure.

If the happy combination of sustained economic growth and tax cuts could be achieved, it would obviously help — but it might still not be enough. What matters is not just the state of the economy, but voters' overall assessment of the performance of the Government. A recent study for Kleinwort Benson by Peter Spencer and John Curtice found that the Government's standing was severely and permanently damaged by the débâcle surrounding sterling's forced departure from the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992. The irony is that while the fall in interest rates following Black Wednesday may have boosted economic recovery, the lasting political damage has been the greater, by undermining the credibility of the Government and of Mr Major personally as competent managers. According to this view, the political fallout, including public splits over the Maastricht Bill, cost the Tories 16 percentage points in the polls and has offset the political benefits of economic recovery and falling unemployment. So, while the Government was not blamed by most voters in 1992 for the recession, it is now not receiving much credit for the recovery. Moreover, the Bank of England, with its greater independent voice over monetary policy, could upset even these calculations, since its concern over inflation could produce a rise in interest rates.

Mr Major has won a chance to reassert his authority. The rumblings of dissent from Tory MPs are a warning, not an imminent threat. He was on confident form yesterday at his "I'm in charge" news conference, but he now faces several key tests — first at the European summit in Corfu at the end of next week, when the next President of the European Commission will be discussed, and then with his promised ministerial reshuffle. That will be his chance to freshen up his Cabinet and try to meet the hope of the various party groupings. But with such a fractious party, his room for manoeuvre is limited, and reshuffles seldom make much impression on voters.

The Conservatives' chances also depend on what happens on the Opposition side. In the past, Labour has rarely matched its poll ratings in actual elections. On Thursday, it did. Benefiting from all the favourable publicity following Mr Smith's death, and the Blair effect, Labour achieved gains in places it had not won since the mid-1960s, such as East Anglia and the northern Home Counties. These are full of the kind of marginal seats the party has to win if it is to win power. Labour seems at last to have banished the memories of the splits and extremism of the late 1970s and early 1980s. Voters may now believe it is safe to vote Labour again. That will, of course, change nearer an election, as voters assess how they would personally be affected by a Labour government. The party's latest electoral successes may complicate Mr Blair's task by strengthening the "one more heave" school, which argues that Labour is certain to win the next election and does not need to review its policies. Mr Blair disagrees, but could face many battles in reshaping the party's approach. His honeymoon with the media and his party could be very short.

Both Tories and Labour were last night celebrating the patchy performance by the Liberal Democrats. For all of Paddy Ashdown's bluster yesterday, a 16 per cent share of the vote is a disappointment for him. It is irrelevant that it is ten points more than the party polled at its low point in the 1989 elections. The relevant comparision is with the council elections in May, when it won around 27 per cent of the vote, and with recent poll ratings of more than 20 per cent. The party suffered from lower public attention than in a general election and from an incoherent national campaign. The sole consolation for the Liberal Democrats is that they did well in their target areas in the far South West. But Mr Ashdown will have to rethink his strategy. At present, the party shows little sign of adjusting to the changed challenge from Labour.

The decline in Liberal Democrat support also simplifies the Tories' task, creating what Mr Major yesterday described as the "politics of clear choice". The Tories can focus on their familiar target of the bogey of a Labour Government. The intriguing question now is whether Labour has at last crossed the threshold of credibility: whether for the first time in 20 years it looks like a party of government rather than of protest. That, rather than a few maverick Tory backbenchers, is what should worry Mr Major.

Europe's mixed messages

George Brock on how Brussels sees the Euro-vote

As the European election results rolled in on Sunday evening we sat in the European Parliament's opulent palace in Brussels staring at a wall of television screens plugged into TV channels from right across the continent.

Sceptics jigged up and down in Paris and Copenhagen, puzzled Eurobores droned in nine languages, a pink Chancellor Kohl swam into view and giraffes grazed calmly on CNN. Whatever this surreal electronic jigsaw meant, not even the most heartfelt federalist could have stood before the bank of screens and claimed that Europe was coalescing into one vast polity. Europe was too plainly going all over the place.

John Major and Douglas Hurd are fond of claiming that "things are going Britain's way in Europe", but they would be pushed to try repeating the claim now. Not just because of the Tories' dismal election results and the recent majority voting fiasco, but because "things" aren't a trend at all. Could we be seeing a wave of indignation against sitting governments? Not quite: Italy's Signor Berlusconi, Germany's Herr Kohl and Greece's Mr Papandreou (representing respectively right, centre and left) did fine. An anti-federalist surge? Only up to a point. Herr Kohl is federalism's standard-bearer, and pro-integration parties also scored well in Belgium, Denmark and Spain.

The election banged another nail in the coffin of the idea that Europe must always be evolving, however gently, towards a federal state. Polls have been showing for some time that people are quite content with the European Union as it stands, but suspicious of governments which design "ever closer union" without consulting them. Recent polls have shown that support for federalism is feebler than politicians claim.

Yet nobody is afraid of the Union either. Despite being exposed to a relentless "No" campaign, Austrians voted 2:1 on Sunday to enter the EU next January. Politicians who tried to lead a popular revolt in Germany against the Maastricht plans for a single currency came to grief not because German voters like the idea of abandoning the mark — they still don't — but because they don't believe that their currency is under real threat. The BBC recently produced a series of documentaries by taking half a dozen Mancunians on a tour of the EU in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg. Six people equipped with the standard prejudices at the start spoke, by the end of the trip, with confidence of how Britain should cope with the dilemmas thrown up by European integration.

Mr Major can't see the paradox of post-war European history, or if he can, he can't get his backbenchers to grasp it. Beneath the windy rhetoric about a "federal goal", European citizenship and a united states of Europe, nations have surrendered negotiated pieces of autonomy in order to strengthen themselves. A market for exports rebuilt continental economies shattered by war. Then states discovered that policy-making in Europe was risky but profitable: play your cards wrong and your government will be embarrassingly overruled. But decision-making in Brussels is also secretive and far away. National parliaments and voters lost out; the state gained.

Electorates now punish parties which have lost out in Brussels. Thus French Euro-sceptics who condemn last year's world trade deal attacked the sitting government as a weak negotiator. Mr Major dabbles with buzzwords such as "multi-track", "subsidiarity" and "intergovernmentalism", which might give him a strategy if he could stick to one for long enough to sell it to people, but still ends up looking marginalised, with a divided party. Chancellor Kohl did well because he has managed to hint to Germans that their country, freed from the need to defer to its partners when it was divided, will assert itself more in the Union. Signor Berlusconi caught the mood nicely with his campaign slogan: "Count for more in Europe."

Like other states, Britain uses the Union's "centralised" machinery in its own interest. Clinching the world trade deal which Mr Major wanted last December meant forcing the reviled European Commission to stop the French government from wrecking the talks. The EU court springs unpleasant surprises on governments from time to time, but is the place where Britain wants Italy and Spain punished for cheating on their milk quotas. Had Kenneth Clarke been smart enough to see it, Britain could have hailed M Jacques Delors's "white paper" on jobs and growth as a triumph for British ideas.

The EU is not a miracle-working outfit or a monstrous continental conspiracy, just a system for joint decisions and a highly sophisticated free-trade area with stated ambitions to be more. Mr Major talks of enforcing single-market rules, bringing in Eastern Europe and improving cross-border cooperation to fight crime. These are all excellent objectives, but if the Prime Minister can't sell to his own party the wisdom of bargaining for Britain's benefit, his EU partners will continue to ignore him.

Psyched out

AS PARTY HQs conduct their post-mortems, a handful of senior Tories are heard advocating the return of "Dr Feelgood", otherwise known as Richard Wirthlin. Reputed to be the world's costliest pollster, Wirthlin is credited with helping to swing the occasional election for Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. One aide confides that Wirthlin's name was mentioned at a top-level meeting of party strategists yesterday.

"We do need to know if it's just general dissatisfaction or whether there are specific things we can do," sighs Kenneth Baker, who as party chairman brought in the Virginia-based image-maker at a cost to party funds of a sum not unadjacent to £965,000. For their money, Wirthlin produced "psychographics" — supposedly an insight into the voters' minds — plus "power phrases" to get across the Tory message. "Whether it's Dick Wirthlin or somebody else, it's better than politicans living by the seat of their pants," argues Baker.

Nor has Wirthlin, a Mormon, lost interest in British Conservatism under John Major. "I had a conversation with individuals at Central Office on Sunday, early morning," he confides. "I still have conversations almost every week."

While the party had "dodged the bullet" in the Euro-elections, it was, he said, facing a very significant and powerful hurdle to win the next round — especially against Tony Blair. "But when you face possible decimation of your ranks, it is psychologically painful to ask key questions."

● *Meanwhile, the manner of celebration at Tory HQ around midnight — when the Euro-results looked at least bearable — tells a lot about modern apparatchiks. They feasted on take-away pizzas and diet Pepsi.*

Sport of emperors

ARGENTINA may have a virtual monopoly of world-class polo players, but they cannot afford to rest on their laurels. The Japanese have taken to the sport of kings with a vengeance, and are planning to lay out the first polo pitch in Japan.

"We've identified some sites, and it should be ready next year," said Junichi Iwasaki, president of the newly formed Japan Polo Federation, as he flew in this weekend from Tokyo to watch South America take on the rest of the world for the JAL Cup at Windsor's Guards Polo Club.

"More Japanese are becoming interested now, but when we talk about polo in Japan most people still think about the shirts. I have to explain it's not shirts; it's a game."

● *Hatmakers will be watching Ascot today for signs of a disturbing new practice among racegoers: shining top-hats with Guinness. "The number of people who half way through the day soak their hats in Guinness to give it a shine is extraordinary," says Richard Jaggs-Fowler of Herbert Johnson, the gentry's favourite hatter. "It might help on the day but it's terribly damaging in the long term."*

Cheers!

IS THIS the right message to be sending football fans attending the final of the World Cup in July? The three tenors — Luciano Pavarotti, José Carreras and Placido Domingo — are reuniting to sing "Brindisi", the drinking song from Verdi's *La Traviata*. The promoters hope it will replace "Nessun Dorma" in fans' affections.

At the moment, the programme is top secret, but at a private concert last week in Monte Carlo, the three tenors sang two items: Verdi's "La Donna e Mobile" first, with "Brindisi" as a rousing encore. It is "Brindisi", however, chosen by the tenors themselves, that will form the crescendo of the Los Angeles cup final. In the opera, the aria is sung as a duet between the love-stricken tenor Alfredo and his love Violetta.

A spokesman from Warner Classics, which is recording the concert, whispers: "It was chosen because of its accessibility. We hope that it will catch on as much as 'Nessun Dorma' did. It's a very rousing, jolly sort of song that should appeal to that sort of audience."

● *The BBC caused a rumpus with plans to recruit half of its trainees from ethnic minorities, but the European Commission has sublimely elevated nepotism to a principle. Conditions on application forms for its student placement scheme state that candidates must be the offspring of a Commission functionary.*

Good book

THE POPE could soon nose Frederick Forsyth and John Grisham off the bestseller lists. Only a week after publication, the new Roman Catholic Catechism, the first major revision of the Roman Catholic doctrines since 1566, is at number 12 in the bestseller lists. It has sold 60,000 copies.

No one is more astonished than the publisher, Geoffrey Chapman.



The firm's Liz Marsh confesses that pre-publication headlines about the Catechism's firm stand against homosexuality may have helped to catapult sales into the super-league.

"I thought there was no such thing as a religious bestseller, but a lot of lay Catholics have bought it, as well as bishops, priests and catechists. They want to get a clear statement of the Church's beliefs. But it's not exactly what I'd call a good read."

Made for walking

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S cobbler has tracked down what it believes to be the oldest pair of its shoes still in daily use. Tricker's of Jermyn Street was naturally delighted to find out about the shoes recently, and wants to display them in its shop-window for next year's VE-Day celebrations.

The 50-year-old wartime shoes were made for an American customer, Edmund Proctor, who was on leave in London from his airbase at Nuthampstead. The sturdy lace-ups, costing around five shillings when new in 1944, were modelled on footwear worn during the Boer War. "I'm still wearing them," Proctor informs the shop. "And they've never been repaired."

TORY TREMORS

Major has won time to prove himself against Labour

John Major's task was to avert catastrophe. That he did. But the European election results are still miserable for the Conservatives. They lost nearly half the seats that they had won in 1989 — and that was deemed a poor performance at the time. They polled their lowest-ever share of the vote in a national election. If Mr Major's position is now more secure, it is partly because of the Tory MPs who no longer see a change of Conservative leader as keeping Labour from power.

Yesterday's results were a triumph for the Opposition. With its gains in Norfolk, Suffolk, Kent, Essex, Hertfordshire and London, Labour can now claim to be a genuinely national party. This success may breed more success. If people in the South no longer think that a vote for Labour is wasted, the Liberal Democrats may find themselves overtaken as the main opposition to the Tories in many of those seats.

Moreover, the European elections showed big swings to Labour where the party needed them most, such as in London and the Midlands, rather than, as in the recent past, in its heartlands of the North and Scotland. This should worry Tory strategists. There will be many more marginal seats at the next general election where Labour, rather than the centre party, is the main challenger.

For the moment, though, Mr Major must take credit for pulling the Conservatives back from the brink. His campaign fed a widespread hunger for more sensible talk about Europe. The Liberal Democrats, by contrast, probably suffered in part because of their identification with European federalism.

The Prime Minister has pleased his Eurosceptic critics but, inevitably, infuriated the Euro-enthusiasts. Political logic is not, however, on the side of those, like Edwina Currie, who blamed their defeats on the tactics from Downing Street; for it is clear that Mr Major's rhetoric went down well with the voters and ensured a more respectable result for their party. But the Euro-enthusiasts are a dangerous group to antagonise. The Right has so far held back from trying to unseat the Prime Minister for the lack of a suitably Euro-sceptic alternative. The Left, however, can choose between two Euro-enthusiast candidates whose views on domestic as well as foreign policy match their own. They can make a judgment over whether Kenneth Clarke or Michael Heseltine is less likely to lose them the next election.

Mr Major has been spared a contest this summer because of the distraction of Labour's leadership vote. Two factors will determine his survival through the autumn: whether he presides over a return to competent government; and how he shapes up to Tony Blair. Each time in the past couple of years that Mr Major has been deemed to have strengthened his position, he has stumbled. Conservative MPs will want a consistent period of good government to stop them yearning for a leader with better political judgment.

The other challenge for the Prime Minister is the imminent need to deal with a stronger Opposition. Buoyed by its successes at the polls and invigorated by a popular new leader, Labour looks set to be a far more potent threat to the Government. Mr Blair may not live up to his promise. But if he does, Mr Major will be in for a rough ride in the Commons after the summer recess. It may then be hard for Tories to resist the lure of a far more robust performer at the dispatch box.

Politics is now becoming more serious again. Mr Blair is likely to preside over an Opposition full of energy, confidence and new ideas. He is clearly determined to remedy the weak areas of Labour policy, such as education. And he has less of John Smith's caution. A Conservative Party led by a man who looks incompetent or stale will be trounced next time. Mr Major will have to reinvigorate himself, or his MPs will do it for him.

A GERMAN REWARD

Doubts about Brussels but confidence in Kohl

Helmut Kohl is one of Europe's weightiest politicians. His long experience and his country's wealth and power give him a determining say in shaping European Union policy. He is also a master tactician with a ruthless political instinct. His party's success in the European elections in halting its earlier collapse of support and increasing its share of the vote compared with 1989 testifies to the Chancellor's shrewd campaign and dominating personality. Against all the expectations earlier this year, the Christian Democrats are now on course for another general election victory in October. Herr Kohl will remain, a powerful figure attempting to steer the EU to the course he has long championed.

There are various reasons for his victory. Herr Kohl has one huge advantage over centre-right politicians in Britain or France: Europe is not a divisive topic for Germans. Despite a cooling in German enthusiasm for greater federal union, widespread dislike of "Brussels" and growing opposition to a loss of national control over the mark, most Germans, and certainly all Christian Democrats, share the Chancellor's view that EU membership must remain at the core of national policy.The political debate in Germany is conducted in a narrower framework than elsewhere: outright rejection of European union is virtually taboo. Herr Kohl was therefore able to weave domestic themes into his European campaign, so that the inevitable protest vote against the government was modified by general approval of its European policies.

Even domestic criticism was muted by evidence that the recession is over and the economy is recovering. This was particularly important in former East Germany, where the swing away from the CDU has been halted by new jobs and signs that massive investment is at last paying dividends.Other European leaders, including John Major, can only envy the speed with which the government is reaping the reward in public approbation. The Chancellor, who played effectively on German caution and distrust of Rudolf Scharping, the untested new leader of the opposition Social Democrats, also gained votes from continued SPD squabbling over policy and gaffes by Herr Scharping over last month's presidential election and, most damagingly, Germany's national football team.

A renewed term for Herr Kohl would suggest that the old Paris-Bonn axis will remain a force pushing the EU towards federal union. That would be bad both for Britain and bad for Europe also. A closer look at his winning tactics, however, suggests that he has subtly changed his emphases, well aware of the mood of disillusion within his own country. Germany has already, with Britain, begun pushing for greater deregulation in Europe — and clashed with the dogmatism of Jacques Delors. It has modified high-flown rhetoric on monetary union to a pragmatic assessment that this is a long way off. Herr Kohl won by distancing himself from Brussels. He is a man with his large feet firmly on the ground.

O REALLY, O'REILLY

British football fans become Irish for a few weeks

The Irish may not like it. But this is the week in which they are going to be adopted as honorary Britons, at least for the duration of the World Cup. According to purist geographers, Great Britain consists of "Britannia prima" (England), "Britannia secunda" (Wales) and "North Britain" (Scotland).

Ireland, Erin or Hibernia has no nominal connection with Britannia, though the British annoy the Irish by making the mistake, through geographical ignorance or imperialist absent-mindedness. But, since none of the British home sides or Northern Ireland has qualified for the World Cup finals, their football supporters are left with the Republic of Ireland to shout for. When Ireland play Italy on Saturday evening in New York they will have tens of millions of British TV viewers cheering them on.

Despite all pious wishes, winning not artistry is the gut attraction of football. That primal pleasure is lost if the fan does not have a team he passionately wants to win and bleeds for when it loses. The "football test" — which team to support in the regrettable absence of one's own? — is as tangled as any political history.

Supporters of the Irish and smaller British national sides cheer for each other against England, on the grounds of mutual Celtic solidarity and ancient resentments against the dominant Anglo-Saxon power. Because England is the biggest home country, and has therefore tended to win more often, patronising English supporters have felt able to pretend that what matters is a sporting contest rather than the result. But some of the Irish, as a result of tribal memories going back beyond Cromwell to the Plantagenets, might find it patriotically incorrect to cheer for an England side. If England had qualified for this year's World Cup and Ireland had not, many Irish would have shouted even for South Korea against their ancient enemies.

The Anglo-Irish relationship is, however, odder than straight hostility. All 22 players for the Ireland squad play for English and Scottish clubs, and their accents and culture are south London and Scottish. Some of them have traditional Irish names, but others such as Cascarino are more "O really" than O'Reilly. All have at least a grandparent who is Irish, but because of the Irish diaspora, this is not a testing racial qualification. And their manager is Jack Charlton, the Geordie who has become an Irish folk hero with his flat cap, his down-to-earth manner and the victories that their team has won over the best in the world. They now have a side that plays with style as well as Celtic commitment. Besides Mr Charlton, only the Pope, Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela have been given the Freedom of the City of Dublin in living memory.

When the Ireland team came home after reaching the quarter-finals of the last World Cup, half a million Irishmen met them at the airport. If they were to do better this time, the World Cup could help to redefine Anglo-Irish attitudes. Football does more than politicians can to justify the rivalries of man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Who should have a say on charities?

From Mr Andrew Phillips

Sir, Reports of the Duke of Edinburgh's Arnold Goodman charity lecture, including your own (later editions, June 10), headlined his claim that absolute poverty no longer exists.

That does not do justice to two of his main themes, namely that public confidence in charity is being undermined by the over-extension of its definition; and secondly that the charitable impulse is impeded by the rising complication of the law and bureaucracy governing charities.

The problem, as I see it, with the Duke's suggestion for dealing with the first of these themes — that the present single structure for charities should be broken up into five or more categories, with differing labels, tax concessions and operating requirements — will be at the expense of the second of his themes, simplicity.

Wherever there is a category there is a boundary, and wherever there is a boundary there is a grey area. Definitions are to lawyers what cream cakes were to Billy Bunter.

The charity sector is already in the throes of contending with the massive new legislative demands of the Charities Acts 1992 and 1993, and the statutory instruments flowing therefrom (with several yet to come).

As a practitioner in this field I would strongly advise the Duke to concentrate his fire on the simplification issue. Apart from anything else, it is vital to the maintenance of the essentially voluntary nature of charity, without which public regard for it will indeed gradually evaporate.

Yours truly,
ANDREW PHILLIPS,
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite
(Solicitors),
61 Charterhouse Street, EC1.
June 10.

From Mrs Irene Baish

Sir, The Duke of Edinburgh has started a debate about what he acknowledges to be the complex and controversial issue of tax concessions for existing charities. Is there room, I wonder, for a concurrent debate about the topics on which those on the Civil List should start debates?

This is another complex and controversial issue, and maybe the solution, like the one suggested by the Duke, lies in categorisation. Topics related to moral welfare and aesthetics, for example, could be at one end of the spectrum and open to endless new initiatives by anyone on the Civil List. Tax and tax concessions could be at the other end and out of bounds for those who themselves draw on substantial tax-derived aid.

Yours faithfully,
IRENE BAISH,
19 Woodchester,
Kingswood, Bristol, Avon.
June 10.

Offensive car-parking

From Mr Duncan Fallowell

Sir, Following Simon Jenkins's article (June 4) on offensive car-parking [letters, June 11], the clutter of movable crowd barriers and traffic indicators now seems to be a permanent feature of The Mall and the area in front of Buckingham Palace.

So does the gross vandalisation of the forecourts of the British Museum and the Royal Academy, two institutions devoted to the causes of culture and beauty, by the cars of the people who work there.

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN FALLOWELL,
44 Leamington Road Villas, W11.
June 4.

Cyclists and safety

From Mr Paul Stewart

Sir, And very amusing Mr Christopher McCall, QC, is when he writes [letter, June 10] as "one who no longer trusts himself to his bicycle". It brings to mind the offer I received from the gentleman whose negligent driving had caused my bicycle to be ruined and, as it turned out, a bone in my neck to be broken.

I could have his bicycle, which stood comparison with my own; he no longer rode it, he said, as he thought it was too dangerous.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL STEWART,
New Court Chambers, Temple, EC4.
June 10.

Looking after consumers' interests

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, Paul Barker's article on the alleged "crisis of confidence" in the UK consumer movement" ("Is *Which?* still best buy?", June 8) suggests that the National Consumer Council has moved away from representing the interests of disadvantaged consumers since our 1977 report "Why the Poor Pay More". This is not the case.

The needs of low-income consumers and other disadvantaged groups have always been at the heart of the council's research and campaigns. In the 17 years since the publication of "Why the Poor Pay More" we have campaigned to improve the position of disadvantaged consumers in relation to the benefits system, community care services, financial services, food, housing, the NHS, the legal system and utilities.

More recently, our 1992 report, "Your Food: Whose Choice?", showed that many low-income consumers simply cannot afford a healthy diet. This situation was echoed in our 1993 book, *Paying the Price*, which demonstrated that many consumers face severe difficulties in paying for basic services, such as fuel and water.

Sadly, the needs of poor consumers are as pressing in the 1990s as they were in the 1970s. Our work will continue to be determined by these needs.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH EVANS,
Director,
National Consumer Council,
20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
June 8.

From the Editorial Director of Which? *Magazines*

Sir, Is it surprising that the number of *Which?* subscribers has dipped in a recession? However, over the last five years Consumers' Association has managed to place more than £11 million in essential reserves. Our finances remain robust, ensuring us a secure future to carry out the research and campaigning for which we are so justly admired.

So what is Mr Barker getting at? That the vision of *Which?* is somehow limited? Clearly, this is not so: the latest edition of *Which?* exposed the risk to consumers from poor practice in pharmacies, criticised the flaws in European beach pollution tests, revealed the hidden commissions banks charge holidaymakers, and hailed the reliability of Japanese cars — all issues reported widely by the media, including *The Times*. *Which?* also offered reports on pensions advice, diabetes — and more.

Just a few days later, *Which? way to Health*, which Mr Barker condemns as "short on the vitriol", exposed how bugs can contaminate high-street salad bars. It was an exposé to rival previous revelations — all tough, campaigning stuff on the consumer's behalf.

There are not many institutions in our society which are totally independent. Consumers' Association is. People, rightly, trust us. Subscribers to *Which?* and *Which? way to Health* — and sister publications like *Holiday Which?* — pay for rigorously researched publications which are free of advertisements, offer invaluable information, and take on the Goliaths of manufacturing and industry into the bargain.

"Value for money" continues to be crucial to consumers, in a recession particularly, and how anyone can argue otherwise is a mystery. Our job has hardly begun.

"Is *Which?* still best buy?" Unquestionably.

Yours faithfully,
SUE LEGGATE,
Editorial Director,
Which? Magazines,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.
June 9.

From Mrs Anna Cole

Sir, The Consumers' Association has, I believe, been hoist by its own petard. The kind of aggressive marketing which it has employed for the past few years may be the major reason for the startling decline in the sales of *Which?* It offers three months of issues free to anyone who will authorise a direct debit. This clearly intends to exploit the inertia of the average subscriber.

However, there are probably many consumers like me who simply take the "freebies" and cancel the subscription before the direct debit is exercised. I have been doing this for several years. I began in protest at what I felt was a quite wrong marketing approach for such a consumer-led organisation, but have now lost all interest in these publications since the association has so clearly abandoned its raison d'être.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA COLE,
Drake Wood, Devonshire Avenue,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.
June 9.

US perspectives

From Lord Huntingfield

Sir, Janet Daley's views (June 9) on Mid-West naive small-town Americans in Oxford smack of condescension. She is mistaken.

Middle America is one of the great success stories of human history, full of people living in harmony and concord; but people who, nevertheless, were willing to leave their homes to knock out Germany, and Japan, and then, less successfully, fight in Korea and Vietnam.

Middle Americans are often quiet, polite and confident in their own views of what is right. And, yes, they are wrong in thinking that the world shares their views, but this is not arrogance; more like hopeful optimism.

Yours sincerely,
HUNTINGFIELD,
69 Barrons Way,
Comberton, Cambridge.
June 10.

From Professor D. K. Adams

Sir, I have followed with wry interest your comments on Oxford University. President Clinton and fund-raising for its planned Institute of American Studies (letters, June 10). When I arrived in Oxford some decades ago as a graduate student I was advised by the warden of my college not to write a doctoral thesis on American history but "to do something safe like France".

Since that time Keele has been one of the pioneers of the serious study of the United States, and in 1992 received a top national research rating. As so often, innovation has occurred outside the "golden triangle", but welcome Oxford!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ADAMS (Director),
David Bruce Centre for
American Studies,
Keele University,
Chancellor's Building,
Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG.
June 10.

Combating bullies

From Mrs Lynda Burke

Sir, Mr Tulloch's reasoning (letter, June 11) seems to me to be faulty. Bullying is "a natural aspect of life" only inasmuch as ignorance, prejudice, dirt, disease and infection are. We do and should act to eradicate these in both society and schools. The fact that we cannot achieve or ensure total success does not negate the validity of the effort and objectives.

Bullying damages the victims, the perpetrators and the passive spectators. Character-building does not need to be based on cruelty.

Yours faithfully,
LYNDA BURKE
(Co-ordinator),
Lindow Tutor Group,
6 Lindow Street, Lancaster.
June 12.

Meaning of D-day

From Mr M. R. D. Foot

Sir, You carried a headline on June 8 (later editions): "Officer dies of D-Day wounds." You went on to report that he was wounded on June 29, 1944: that is, on D+23 of Operation Neptune, the assault phase of the Overlord Normandy invasion.

D-day was formerly a precise planners' expression, meaning the start of an impending operation, by no means only "Neptune".

Will you allow a word of protest against its use to stand for the whole campaign in Normandy, instead of the day on which that (or any other) campaign began?

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
M. R. D. FOOT,
45 Countess Road, NW5.
June 9.

Paris Studio

From Mr Peter Barker

Sir, Mr Jeffrey Holland and others have pointed out (letter, June 6) that the BBC plans to abandon the historic Paris Studio, where so many favourite comedy series have been recorded. Furthermore, in order to create a new venue for such shows it is also intended to transform the Concert Hall of Broadcasting House.

This is an architectural and historical gem from the 1930s and one of the very few art deco public buildings still in its original condition. It was designed as a music studio and used as such for 60 years.

The acoustic has been praised in the highest terms not only by countless musicians — instrumentalists, singers and conductors — but by audiences as well. Alterations required for the change of usage would make the hall unsuitable for music. Westminster City Council is at present considering the plans.

Not only has the Paris Studio still much to offer, but so has the Concert Hall in Broadcasting House. It is not too late to avoid both these acts of vandalism and for the BBC to rethink the plans for these two historic venues.

Yours sincerely,
PETER BARKER,
29a Crawford Avenue,
Wembley, Middlesex.
June 8.

From Mr Keith B. Fenton

Sir, For many years I was a front-of-house manager at audience shows at the Paris Studio and came to realise its importance to the BBC. The intimate atmosphere is well nigh impossible to achieve at other locations.

The site of the building, in the heart of the West End, is of immense value for the BBC's public relations. No other BBC building enjoys the large number of casual passers-by who call in and make inquiries and comments when they notice that the Paris is a BBC studio.

Overseas visitors, having heard programmes on the World Service, ask about shows and artistes they have heard and enjoyed on their radios back home. The good will is immeasurable.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH B. FENTON,
59 Upper Villiers Street, Blakenhall,
Wolverhampton, West Midlands.
June 6.

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Our villages in need of bypasses

From Sir Colin Buchanan

Sir, As a member of the Council for the Protection of Rural England for nigh on 50 years, I feel sad and anxious about the line the council is taking over village bypasses (letters, May 19, 26, 30, June 1).

In theory, to say "yes" or "no" to a bypass proposal involves weighing the damage to a stretch of countryside against the damage to the village and the hindrance to traffic flow if the bypass is rejected.

In practice, this turns out to be such a hopelessly difficult exercise in unquantifiables that you are thrown back on your own judgment.

My experience suggests that when you consider the risks and discomfort that heavy traffic can inflict on a village, plus the large numbers of people involved, plus the possibility that it could go on for years, getting worse as traffic increases, you begin to realise that the villages have a strong case for being bypassed, and it would need a really marvellous stretch of countryside to overturn it.

CPRE policy seems to be to preserve the countryside at all costs, whilst at the same time hoping for some means of drastically reducing the amount of traffic. The snag here is that the motor vehicle has achieved absolute domination of the transport system.

It is often claimed that we do not make enough use of public transport. This makes sense in towns and cities; it applies but little to hamlets and villages.

Of course public transport is needed in the open country for those who do not have access to cars. But it is ridiculous to think that the extraordinary multitude and complexity of the movements that the motor car permits could be transferred to a public transport system, and just as ridiculous to think the public would swallow it.

However, cars are only half the story: big trucks are playing hell with the villages. We are told that freight could go by rail, but the railways cannot offer door-to-door service, and they can compete with trucks only in certain freight markets.

There can be no abolishing motor vehicles, nor the roads they run upon. So fight back, villages, for your bypasses!

Yours truly,
COLIN BUCHANAN
(President, Council for the
Protection of Rural England, 1980-85),
Appletree House, Lincombe Lane,
Boars Hill, Oxford.

New steam locomotive

From Mr John Coiley

Sir, I read with interest the report (May 30) that work has started on the first main-line steam locomotive to be built in Britain for 34 years.

Although, as acknowledged, some of the most famous steam locomotives, including *Mallard* (the world's fastest steam locomotive and now to be seen at the National Railway Museum, York), were indeed preserved (initially only as static exhibits) by the British Railways Board for its museum collection, this was not enough for some enthusiasts.

Towards the end of steam on British Rail one or two more enterprising believers in steam arranged to buy old locomotives, in working order, from BR. Perhaps more surprising, almost as if anticipating current thinking, they successfully negotiated to operate, after appropriate inspection, these privately owned locomotives on selected main lines.

The best known of the locomotives used on these early trains was the ex-LNER *Flying Scotsman*. It had been acquired by Alan Pegler, who, as head of a thriving family business in the North of England, had previously chartered historic steam locomotives for special trains.

Not only was this famous locomotive saved but Mr Pegler went on to secure an agreement to allow *Flying Scotsman* to work trains on BR after the end of regular steam services in 1968. The success of these early ventures encouraged others, individuals and groups, to buy other notable locomotives, some already languishing in scrapyards. Although a number of famous locomotives were acquired in this way, some interesting designs had already disappeared.

The continued successful operation of the locomotives that were saved has now led to this challenging new project to recreate one of these missing locomotive types.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN COILEY
(Head, National Railway Museum,
York, 1975-92),
4 Beech Close, Farnham,
Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.
June 2.

Rain may stop play

From Mr Andrew Kirkwood

Sir, From the *Corfe Valley News* (June 1994):

Annual Rectory Garden Party

Teas. Cakes. Maypole, Croquet, etc, and a short play too, based on the Wakefield Mystery Plays. *The Play of Noah* . . .
If the weather is awful we shall reschedule.

It would appear to be a certainty.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW KIRKWOOD,
Half Acre, Higher Filbank,
Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset.
June 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 11: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, today visited the 4th Battalion in Northern Ireland.

This afternoon His Royal Highness took the Salute at the Passing Out Parade, St Patrick's Barracks, Ballymena.

Captain Neil Blair RN, Major Joyre Gillison and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

June 12: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment, today visited the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland.

Captain Neil Blair RN and Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 13: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales held a Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter in The Queen's Ballroom, Windsor Castle, at 12.00 noon.

The Princess Royal was present.

The following Knights Companion were also present: Sir Cennydd Traherne, the Earl of Longford, the Marquess of Abergavenny, the Duke of Grafton, the Lord Hunt, the Duke of Norfolk, Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Lewin, the Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, the Lord Carrington, the Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the Viscount Leverhulme, the Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Duke of Wellington, Field Marshal the Lord Bramall, the Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath, the Viscount Ridley, the Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, the Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen, the Lord Kingsdown and the Lord Ashburton.

The Officers of the Order were: the Bishop of Winchester (Prelate), the Marquess of Abergavenny (Chancellor), the Dean of Windsor (Register), Sir Conrad Swan (Garter), Sir Richard Thomas (Black Rod) and Mr Hubert Chesshyre (Secretary).

The Queen invested The Princess Royal with the Insignia of a Lady Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and the Rt Hon Sir Ninian Stephen, the Lord Kingsdown and the Lord Ashburton with the Insignia of Knights Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later gave a Luncheon Party.

The Installation Service was held in St George's Chapel this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 13: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Cambridgeshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

In the morning His Royal Highness visited the Pearl Centre, headquarters of Pearl Assurance, Lynch Wood, Peterborough.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened Cambridge MENCAP's Pauline Burnet House, Nuffield Road, Cambridge, and afterwards opened the Hereward Housing Association's Ness Court, Burwell.

Later His Royal Highness opened the new Soham Library, Soham.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Rear-Admiral Sir David Allen, 61; Dr Sir James Black, pharmacologist, 70; Mr Paul Boateng, MP, 43; Dame Florence Cayford, former member, LCC and GLC, 97; Miss Steffi Graf, tennis player, 25; Lady Healey, writer, 76; Mr Stuart Holmes, registrar, Westminster Abbey, 46.

Mr Burl Ives, actor and singer, 85; Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, former chairman, Henry Ansbacher Holdings, 76; Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, 91; Mrs Yvonne Moores, Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Nursing, Department of Health, 53; Mr Herbert Pearson, former editor, *The European*, 58; Sir Gerrard Peat, chartered accountant, 74; Mr Jonathan Raban, novelist, 52; Dame Rosemary Rue, former president, BMA, 66; Mr Antony Sher, actor and writer, 45; Professor Trevor Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster, 57; Mr James Wright, Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University, 55; Mr Mike Yarwood, impressionist, 53.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Professor Colin Flint was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Dinner

Pratt's Club
The Duke of Devonshire, the Proprietor, was guest of honour at a dinner given by the Committee of Pratt's at Coutts & Co, 440 Strand, London, WC2 on June 8, to mark the tercentenary of the Dukedom of Devonshire. Those present were: The Earl of Ancram, MP, the Hon Nicholas Assheton, Mr William Benyon, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, Mr Archie Clowes, Mr Ned Dawnay, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Marquess of Hartington, Mr Robin Herbert, Lord Marlesford, Sir Peter Miles, the Hon Peregrine Moncreiffe of Moncreiffe, Colonel Alan Pemberton, Mr Christopher Penn, Lord Michael Pratt, Mr Charles Ponsonby, Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson, Sir John Swire, Mr Geoffrey Van Cutsem and Captain Peter Parry (Secretary).

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Antonin Baudys, Minister for Defence of the Czech Republic.

Council of Science and Technology Institutes
The Council of Science and Technology Institutes held a luncheon yesterday at Burlington House to mark the retirement of Sir Geoffrey Allen as chairman. Professor Charles Rees, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, spoke, and Sir Geoffrey welcomed his successor, Professor Sir Colin Spedding.

£2m dig will uncover Roman London's hidden heart

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE richest collection of Roman ruins and artefacts yet found in Britain is likely to be unearthed next year in the City of London.

Geoffrey Wainwright, English Heritage's chief archaeologist, believes there is every prospect of uncovering the remains of the buildings which formed the heart of the Roman capital of Britain, along with priceless ornaments, domestic utensils and other objects.

Next month, under his direction, experts from the Museum of London will begin work on a site at No 1 Poultry near the Mansion House. For the past decade it has been a battleground between its owner, Lord Palumbo, who finally won permission for a new building by the late Sir James Stirling, and conservationists who wanted to retain the Victorian buildings.

But the fuss over whether the Mappin & Webb building should be preserved ignored the fact that it stood on what is probably the most important remaining archaeological site in London, Mr Wainwright points out.

"We expect to find waterlogged Roman and medieval deposits to a depth of about 7 metres," he said. "There are likely to be the remains of substantial civic buildings with mosaic floors, and high status town houses. Overlying them will be the well preserved remains of medieval London. We know that from well documented records."

It is thanks to Lord Palumbo that Mr Wainwright at last has the chance to test his expectations. Not only have the developers allowed the archaeologists 44 weeks to dig and record, but they are also paying £2 million for the excavation.

If they were applying for planning permission now, they would have no choice. Since 1990 local authorities have had to take archaeology into account when determining planning applications and developers can be made to pay for an excavation. But in this case the original consent was before 1990. To prevent the development, English Heritage would have had to schedule the entire site, which would have cost enormous sums in compensation.

Mr Wainwright would in any case have opposed such a move. "It would be wrong to try to sterilise a site of such commercial importance."

But English Heritage would not itself have been able to provide the £2 million needed for the excavation. About four weeks ago Jocelyn Stevens, English Heritage's chairman, met Lord Palumbo and Dieter Boch, president of Altstadtbau, the developers.

After what Mr Wainwright calls "very difficult discussions" the present arrangement was eventually agreed. "Had Mr Stevens not intervened, and had Lord Palumbo not been so receptive, we would have lost an irreplaceable chunk of our heritage."

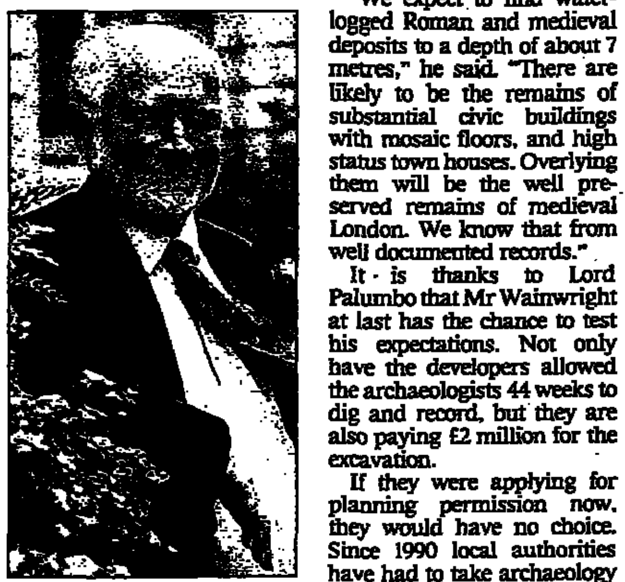
"The artefacts will all go to the Museum of London, but what I can't say at present is whether the remains of any building which we uncover can be incorporated into the design of the new building.

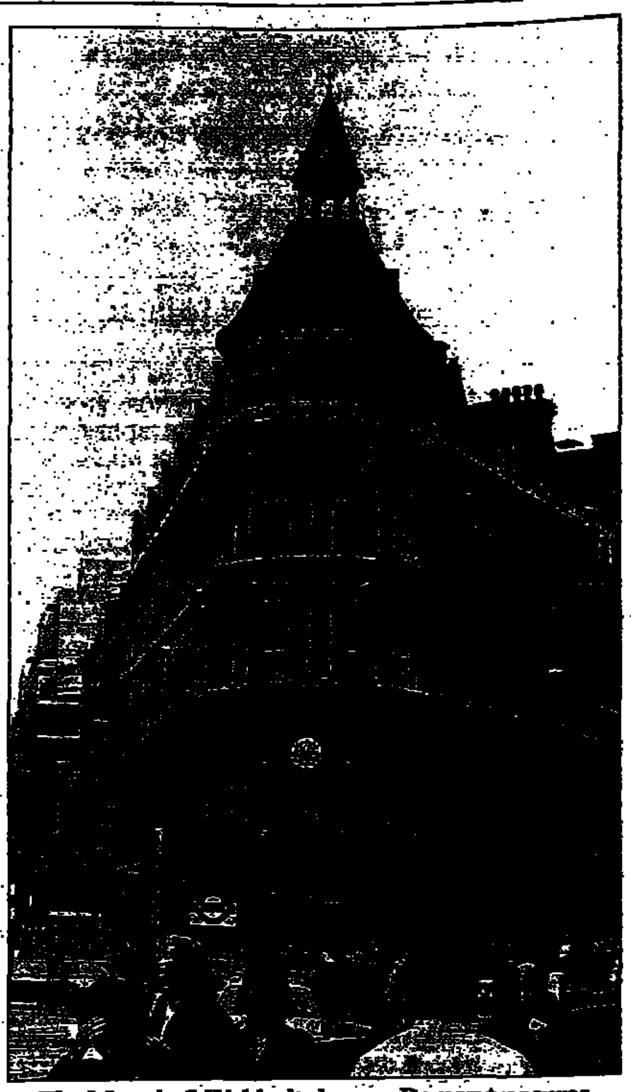
"Of course if we found something absolutely stupendous we would either have to insist on it being incorporated, or we would have to lift and remove it altogether.

"Apart from that, I expect the place to be stiff with coins, utensils, shoes, boots, writing tablets and so on."

The Corporation of London, which gave the planning permission, nowadays takes a more enlightened view of archaeological needs, he thinks. But, had there not been a protracted dispute over the development, the site could well have been built over before the archaeologists could do anything about it.

"One cannot always contrive a *cause celebre*, but when one happens it can be extremely helpful," he said.


Geoffrey Wainwright: directing the work


The Mappin & Webb site houses Roman treasures

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as Patron of the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, will present the prizes at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London, EC1, at 7.00.

Princess Alexandra will open the new hall, day care and play facilities at St Mary's Church, Attleborough, at 1.25; will open Lambert House for the Norfolk Autistic Society at 36 Notridge Road, Bowthorpe, Norwich, at 2.30; and, as president, will visit the Imperial Cancer Research Fund shop at 63 London Street, Norwich, at 3.25.

Emmanuel College

The extended and renovated College Boathouse was opened by Mr Peter Haining, world champion lightweight sculler, at Cambridge on Monday, June 13. The Master of Emmanuel, Lord St John of Fawsley, presided and amongst those present were Fellows, Members of the College and Patrons of the project.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Pennant, naturalist, Downing, Flintshire, 1726; Charles Augustin de Coulomb, physicist, Angoulême, France, 1736; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, Litchfield, Connecticut, 1811; Karl Landsteiner, pathologist, Vienna, 1868; John McCormack, tenor, Athlone, 1884; Che Guevara, guerrilla leader, Rosario, Argentina, 1928.

DEATHS: Sir Henry Vane, parliamentarian, executed, London, 1662; Colin Maclaurin, mathematician, Edinburgh, 1746; James Short, optician and astronomer, London, 1768; Benedict Arnold, American Revolution officer, later a traitor, London, 1801; Giacomo Leopardi, poet, Naples, 1837; Edward Fitzgerald, translator of *The Rübaiydt of Omar Khaydm*, Merton, Norfolk, 1883; Alexander Ostrovsky, dramatist, Shchelykova, Russia, 1886; Jerome K. Jerome, author of *Three Men in a Boat*, Northampton, 1927; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette, London, 1928; Gilbert Keith Chesterton, writer, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1936; Maxim Gorky, novelist, Gorky, Russia, 1936; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Bexhill, Sussex, 1946; Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine writer, Geneva, 1986.

The Royalists were defeated by Cromwell at Naseby, 1645.

The Austrians were defeated by Napoleon at the Battle of Marengo, 1800.

The Germans entered Paris, 1940.

Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment, 1964.

Reception

Royal Engineers Museum
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, presented the Institution of Royal Engineers Gold Medal to Colonel J.N. Blashford-Snell at a reception held yesterday at the Mansion House in aid of the Royal Engineers Museum Foundation. General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, and Mr John Fitzmaurice, chairman of the foundation, welcomed the guests.

Royal Society of Medicine

The Duchess of Kent has been elected to Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine with Sir Donald Acheson, Sir Walter Bodmer, Dame Anne Bryans, and Professors Ugo Fisch, Wallace Foulds, Reginald Hall, Bernard Knight and J.E. Lennard-Jones.

Royal Geographical Society

Professor Ghillean Prance, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, yesterday received the Royal Geographical Society's Patron's medal for research in Amazonia and his directorship of the gardens; Professor Ronald Cooke, Vice-Chancellor of York University, received the Founder's medal for contributions to geomorphology.

Appointments

Mr David Waters to be Sixth Senior Treasury Counsel and Mr Mark Ellison and Mr Nicholas Loraine-Smith to be Junior Treasury Counsel to the Crown at the Central Criminal Court.

Marriages

The Hon T. Buxton and Mrs A. Dickinson
A blessing of the marriage took place on Saturday, June 11, 1994, at The Chapel of St Alban Roe, Ampleforth Abbey, between the Hon Timothy Buxton, son of Lord Buxton and the late Lady Buxton, and Mrs Amanda Dickinson, daughter of Air Commodore Anthony Fraser and Mrs Angela Fraser. Father Edward Corbould officiated.

Mr C.P. Heyman and Miss E.M. Perring
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 11, 1994, at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, of Mr Christian Heyman, son of Mr and Mrs Hans Heyman, to Miss Emma Perring, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Perring. The Rev Canon G.A. Parrott officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Clemency and Edward Seaward, Duncan Pelham and Holly Swan. Mr Justin Travers and Mr Simon Chambers were best men.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.T. Atkinson and Miss C.M.J. Chappell
The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of the late Mr P.N. Atkinson and of Mrs D.M.L. Atkinson, of London, SW6, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C.R. Chappell, of Fulmodeston, Norfolk.

Dr N. Caderni and Miss E.C.A. Hill
The engagement is announced between Niccolò, only son of Rolando and Maria Grazia Caderni, of Florence, Italy, and Emma, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hill, of Taylor's Wynd, Forfar, Angus.

Mr J.C.O. Gordon and Miss L.F. Orr
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Gordon, of Vauxhall, London, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Gavin Orr, of Shrewton, Wiltshire.

Mr F.A. Hancock and Miss J.K. Lamont
The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Hancock, of Kensington, London, and Jane, younger daughter of Mrs Clive Parker and stepdaughter of Mr Clive Parker, of Itchenor, West Sussex.

Dr A.P. Morley and Miss H.L. Sumption
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Morley, of Guildford, Surrey, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr Anthony Sumption, DSC, of Sainte-Maxime, France, and Mrs Hedy Sumption, of Craddock, Devon.

Mr M.R.J. Neve and Miss K.M. van den Elst
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Neve, of Battersea, London, and Katherine, daughter of Mrs J.M. van den Elst, of Old Marston, Oxfordshire.

Mr S.J. North Lewis and Miss E.C. Gaisford
The engagement is announced between Selby James, only son of Mr and Mrs John North Lewis, of Walwick Hall, Humshaugh, Northumberland, and Emma Clare, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gaisford, of Woodhall, Barrasford, Hexham, Northumberland.

Mr M.D.G. Shirvington and Miss H.W. Jones
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Shirvington, of Caldicot, Gwent, and Helen, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Alun Jones, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr G. Whittle and Miss E.F. Chambers
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Whittle, of Higher Clovelly, and Emma, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Chambers, of Lower Chute.

Mr R.M.R. Wooff and Miss N.G. Hodges
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs W.R. Wooff, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W.T. Hodges, of Aymestrey, Herefordshire.

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BIRTHS

ARCHIBALD - On 9th June at Guy's Hospital, to Helen (née Wearne) and Anthony, a son, Robert James, a brother for Michael.

BANNISTER - On June 8th 1994, to Julia and Nick, a son, *Harry Andrew Ayrton*.

BONNER - On 10th June 1994 to Patricia Tehan and Martin Bonner a son William James.

BUCKLEY - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and Dominic, a beautiful daughter, Abigail, a sister for Charlotte Holly.

CAREY - On June 12th, to Carina (née Kirch) and William, a son, Ben Sausmarez, a brother for Laura.

CHERRYMAN - On 4th June at Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Tracey (née Kerridge) and Oliver, a daughter, Georgina.

CLOSE-SMITH - On June 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Dane) and Edward, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Samantha and Caroline and William.

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LARKINS - On June 13th 1994, to Hayley (née Platt) and Edward, a daughter, Chloe Victoria.

LYIMO - Gloriadel - On June 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Clara and Paul Lyimo, a lovely daughter, Carla, a sister for Paula.

MARGETSON - On June 10th 1994, to Sue and Graham, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Helen.

McBAIN - On June 7th, to Sophie (née Alderson) and Niall, a daughter, Alice Rose Olivia.

MIRONESCO - On June 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Estelle and Alexandre, a daughter, Leonie, a sister for Diane.

NOCKOLDS - On 8th June at home, to Claudia (née Wondrausch) and Richard, a son, Harold Hugo (Harry), a brother for Chloë, Phoebe and Freddie.

SCRIVEN - On 10th June, to Jane (née Gibbings) and Simon, a son, Frederick Charles Guy.

TILNEY - On 10th June in Switzerland, to John and Maura, a daughter, Alice Mary, a sister for Kate, James and Charles.

TOPEL - On June 12th, 9.48am at The Portland Hospital, to Ela (née Basullo) and Isaac, a precious daughter, Simone Danielle, 7lbs 1oz.

WELLS - On June 9th 1994, to Serena (née Easton) and Jonathan, a son, Henry Ernest Giffard ("Harry"), brother for Edward and Jacob.

WILLIAMS - On June 7th, to Helen (née Seddon) and Richard, a son, Alasdair Duncan Charles.

DEATHS

AIKEN - On June 12th 1994, at her home in Belfast, Margaret K.M. (Peggy) Aiken O.B.E. Affectionately remembered by her family circle.

ARD - On June 11th 1994 peacefully at Harestone Marie Curie Centre, after a short illness, Margaret Ursula, aged 79. Devoted mother of Penny and Jeremy and grandmother of Juliet and Claire. Funeral at St James' Church, Abinger Common, on Tuesday June 21st at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Harestone Marie Curie Centre may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, tel: (0306) 882266.

CHIRGWIN - On 10th June 1994, Dr. Brian Harvey Chirgwin, formerly of Queen Mary College, aged 77 years. Cremation at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd June at 12 noon followed by a Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service at the Parish Church, Winterborne Stickland, Dorset at 2.30 pm.

CURREY - On June 9th in Colchester, Helen Estella (Pen name Stella Martin Currey). Beloved wife of R.N. Currey and mother of James and Andrew. Funeral private. No flowers, donations to: Colchester Society for the Blind c/o W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 93/94 High Street, Colchester CO1 1TH. Memorial Service later.

DANE - On June 7th suddenly at Lymington, Paul M.H.W., beloved husband of Anna and brother to Josephine and Martin. Cremation at Southampton on 17th June *at noon. Family* flowers only any donations to the RNLI.

DAWSON - Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson KCB, CBE, DSO, (Tubby) peacefully on 10th June aged 92. Beloved husband of the late Leslie, father of Ian who predeceased him and Gillian. Private funeral as was his wish. Donations in his memory may be made to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

DYSON-LAURIE - Wautter de Molesworth, suddenly 12th June, beloved husband *of* Grizel and *father of Hugh* and William. No flowers please.

ELVERSTON-TRICKETT - On June 10th 1994, peacefully at Kingston Hospital, Pamela, dearly loved mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass on Friday 17th June at 11 am at the Church of the Holy Name, Arbrook Lane, Esher, followed by private cremation. Enquiries please to F.W. Paine (081) 399-2060.

GARNHAM - Francis (Frank) on 12th June 1994, aged 87. Peacefully at Pirton Hall Nursing Home. Dear father of Sally and Belinda and loving and loved grandfather and great-grandfather to the Wilkinsons and the Campbell-Grays. Funeral Service to be held on Friday 17th June 1994 at 11.45 am in the East Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium. All floral tributes, together with any enquiries to David J Binks Funeral Director (0462) 450249.

GREEN - On June 11th, Desmond George Bowles of Marylebone, aged 68 years, passed away peacefully in hospital. Funeral to be held at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday June 16th at 11.30 am. No flowers by request, donations in Desmond's memory are being collected by Kenyons Funeral Directors (071) 937-0757 on behalf of the Middlesex Hospital Nurses Fund.

GREGORY - *On June 10th* 1994, peacefully at Holme Tower, Penarth. John Morley Gregory MBE, TD, (Last C.R.E.M.E. 53rd Division TA). Adored husband of Valerie. Resting at A.G. Adams and Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Friday June 17th. Service in the Chapel at 10 am followed by cremation at Thornhill Crematorium. No flowers, but donations to Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, would be appreciated.

HERBERT - On 9th June 1994, aged 68, suddenly and peacefully at home. George Peter, husband of Jane, father of Mary Anne and the late Charles and grandfather of Charles. Funeral at St Peter's, Upper Helmsley, on Thursday 23rd June at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Vicar for St Peter's Church.

HISKETT - Dr. Mervyn, peacefully at home on 11th June after a long illness. Beloved husband and father. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Meopham, at 1.15pm on Friday 17th June.

KENWARD - James Macara. Author, loved husband of Rubina and dear father of Richard, Peter, David and Jean, died peacefully at home, June 12th. Donations, if desired, to Amnesty International, in his memory.

LAMBERT - On 10th June 1994, at home in *Oxfordshire*, Robert Drummond, loving and much loved husband of Daphne, father of Nigel, Colin, Robert and Ian and devoted grandfather. Service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Deddington, on Tuesday 21st June 1994 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for National Asthma Campaign for Research may be sent to J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

LEITNER - *On 8th June 1994*, Dr. Ursula Leitner, widow of Zoli, died suddenly whilst on holiday, aged 93 years. Much loved by all her family and friends, she will be greatly missed. Service to take place at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 20th June at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Age Concern c/o J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, Hampstead.

LOWETH - Thomas Gordon aged 87 years, on 12th June peacefully at home after a short illness. Much loved husband of Pam and father of Naomi and Nancy. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 16th June at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to The Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice may be sent together with any enquiries to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey.

MAGGS - On June 9th 1994, Mrs S.C. Maggs, passed away peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, on June 20th at noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be sent to Dr Barnardos Homes.

MANSON - On June 11th 1994 at Callaly, Neil, beloved husband of Daphne and a much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Whittingham, on Thursday June 16th at 2.30pm. Flowers to D Cockburn & Co., Denwick, Alnwick. Donations to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 1HZ or Ward 36, Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle.

MENZIES - Joyce, mother of Jean Noble, grandmother and great-grandmother, after a short illness at Mo-Dhachaidh Nursing Home, Ullapool, on 13th June 1994, in her 98th year. She was the daughter of the late Captain *D.J. Munro, C.M.G., R.N.*, sometime of Auchindoune, Cawdor and widow first of Captain W.F. Somervail, D.S.O., M.C. of Hoselaw, Kelso; second of W.J.M. (Jock) Menzies, C.B.E. Service on Thursday 16th June at 2 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, thereafter, to Tomnahurich Cemetery, Inverness. Flowers and enquiries to Funeral Directors: John Fraser & Son, 17/29 Chapel Street, Inverness.

MILLEDGE - On 10th June 1994, suddenly, at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, Neil, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday 17th June at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., 79/81 South Street, Bishop's Stortford, tel: (0279) 656477.

MURRAY - *On 10th June* 1994, Gordon Stuart Staffe Murray BEM, dearest husband of Patricia. No flowers. Donations to the Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1Y 5AR.

O'MAHONY - Jerry, on June 11th. Beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Oliver, Ronan, Ruadhri, Theodore and Cressida. Funeral Service at 12.30 pm on Friday 17th June at Our Lady of Lourdes, *Rothampstead* Avenue, Harpenden. Family flowers only please. If desired, donations to Cancer Research.

PARKER - On 12th June 1994, suddenly, Elsie aged 90 years, widow of Tom, mother of Enid and dearly loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Friday June 17th at 1.15 pm (West Chapel). Family flowers only, donations to Wickhambrook Church c/o E. Spark Ltd., 104 Pinner Road, Northwood, Middx., HA6 1BS.

PARRY - On June 11th 1994, peacefully in his sleep after a long illness, Owen Gwynfryw, aged 51 years, of Westerfield, Suffolk, much loved husband of Mary, loving father of Siân and Glyn and dear brother of Elinor. Funeral Service at Westerfield Church on Friday June 17th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations made payable to Ipswich Hospital N.H.S. Trust for Bramford Ward Amenity Fund may be sent to Farthing Singleton & Hastings, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

POLLETT - On June 9th 1994, John Dudley (Jack) CBE CRISL) aged 91 years. Geologist with 37 years overseas service in Nigeria and Sierra Leone. Director Geological Survey - Sierra Leone 1960-1966. Funeral Service to take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday June 17th at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to Cooper & Son, Funeral Service, Uckfield, tel: (0825) 763763.

SACHS - Christine Jane (Tina) on 6th June 1994, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral at St David's, Exeter, on Friday 17th June at 11 am. Donations if wished to FORCE c/o Mitchells Undertakers, King William Street, Exeter.

SOLLY - On Friday 10th June 1994, Madeleine Irene Solly, aged 83 years. Widow of the late Philip and mother of Dominic, Peregrine and Martin and grandmother. Peacefully at Bethany, Little Paxton, Cambridgeshire, after a long illness. Funeral Wednesday 15th June at Bethany 10.30 am and interment at Newmarket Road Cemetery, Cambridge. Flowers or donations to Bethany Nursing Home c/o T.L. Cobbold, 23 New Street, St Neots, Cambs.

STOPFORD-ADAMS - *On* June 11th 1994, peacefully in his 88th year, Derric John Stopford-Adams, JP. Most loved father of Venetia, Charmian and Paul. Loving Grandfather and Great-Grandfather. Funeral Service at St James's Church, Ansty, Warwickshire, at 2.30 pm on Monday June 20th 1994. Family flowers only. Donations in aid of 'St James's Church Spire Appeal' c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1TW, tel: (0305) 262338. Rest In Peace.

STORRS - Joan, on June 9th, peacefully. Dear mother of John, Anne, Libby, Michael and loving grandmother. Funeral 2 pm Friday 17th Chichester Cathedral.

STURGIS - On 9th June 1994, John Robert Owen aged 68, husband of Jeannette, peacefully in Johannesburg Hospice.

SYKES - Bertha Gladys Marie *on 9th June at* Abercorn House Nursing Home, aged 82, very bravely after a long illness. Beloved mother of Peter, Francis, Anthony and Patricia. Requiem Mass 16th June 1.15 pm at Church of Our Lady, Kings Road, Fleet, Hants., followed by cremation at The Park Crematorium, Aldershot. Flowers to A & W Goddards, Kent Road, Fleet, or donations to National Asthma Campaign, Providence House, Providence Place, London N1 0NT.

TREADAWAY - Keith Iain aged 47, suddenly but peacefully at home on 11th June. Dearest husband of Caroline and Daddy to Rory and Katharine. Much loved son and brother. Family flowers only. Donations to RNLI. Service at St Mary's, Framsden, Friday 17th June at 11.30 am.

WESTON - On June 10th 1994, suddenly at home, Lilian Hilda, much loved wife of Robert, a loving mother and grandmother. There will be a simple cremation at Golders Green East Chapel (Hoop Lane) on Wednesday 15th June at 3.45 pm. No flowers please.

WHITE - Ruth, aged 93, peacefully at home on 7th June. Beloved wife of George, much loved mother of Frances and Peter and dear grandmother and great-grandmother. The funeral service will be at St Mary's Church, High Street, Bexley, Kent, on Monday 20th June at 11 am. *Family flowers* only, but donations to the NSPCC, both care of Francis Chappell & Sons, 217 Broadway, Bexleyheath, Kent.

WHITTINGTON - On 12th June, Marjory Ralston aged 93, for 57 years wife of Michael, mother of Andrea, Judith, Rose and Charles. Cremation Cheltenham 2.30pm Friday 17th June. Enquiries to Packer & Slade tel: (0286) 663525.

WILLSON - On June 12th 1994 peacefully at the Nuffield Care Centre, Redhill, Surrey. Joan Sylvia Drake Willson, in her 98th year. Served in WAAF during World War II, subsequently on the staff of Harrogate Ladies College 1946-1963. Much loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Reigate, 11.30 am, Friday June 17th. No flowers. Donations if desired for RNIB or NSPCC c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GRAVES - The funeral service for Lord Peter Graves will now take place at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 16th June at 2.30 pm and not at Putney Vale Crematorium as previously indicated. Enquiries Kenyons (071) 834-4624.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CRANMER - Peter. A Memorial Service will be held at Edgbaston Old Church, Birmingham, on Friday 8th July at 12 noon. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Peter Cranmer Shield at Warwickshire County Cricket Club.

SCHLAPFER - John Sinclair. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Schlapfer is to be held at St Antonin-du-Var, France, on Saturday 9th July 1994 at 11 am. Please inform of your intention to attend by fax (33) 94 04 40 23.

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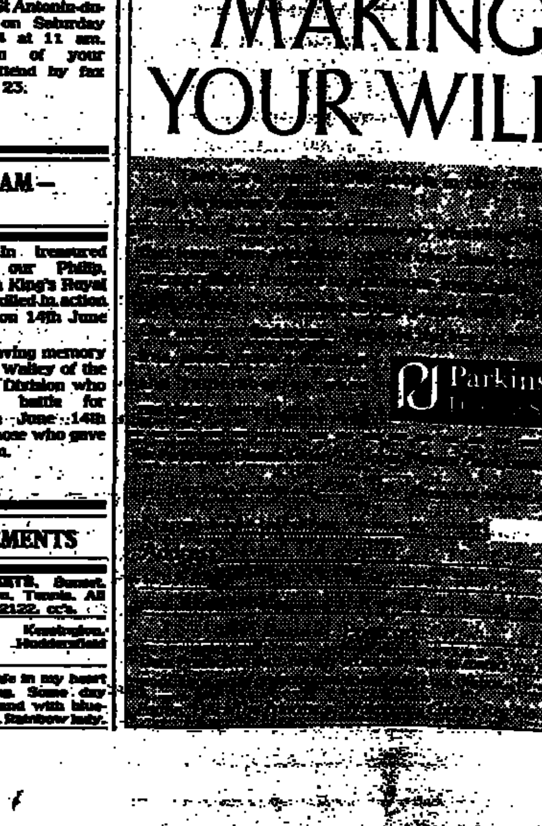
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OBITUARIES

KITTY MUGGERIDGE

Kitty Muggeridge, author and widow of Malcolm Muggeridge, died in a nursing home in Welland, Ontario, on June 11 aged 90. She was born on December 8, 1903.



Kitty Muggeridge, with her husband Malcolm, being received into the Roman Catholic Church at Robertsbridge, Sussex, in 1982

RIGHT into her old age Kitty Muggeridge bore an air of peace and serenity that was reminiscent of her Aunt "Bo" (Beatrice Webb). Unlike her husband Malcolm, she retained to the end a residual affection for the most famous member of her family — an affection that was reflected in the biography she wrote of her, in 1972, in conjunction with her friend, Ruth Adam. For her part, Beatrice Webb's *Diaries* attest to the regard in which she held her niece — referring to her on separate occasions as "gifted in appearance, voice and intelligence" and "an uncommonly attractive young woman". Characteristically, she also, however, claimed to detect "a certain hardness" and "a stiffness of will".

If Kitty Muggeridge was the possessor of such attributes, it was probably just as well. For her life, at least in its early stages, was not an easy one. Despite the aura of sanctity that latterly attached to Malcolm Muggeridge, he was for many years a congenitally unfaithful husband and his various and protracted *affaires* (one of the last of which was with the well known wife of a newspaper proprietor) sometimes strained even her sense of equanimity. More than once, they decided to part — and A. J. P. Taylor left in his autobiography a wonderfully comic description of a scene at Oxford Road Station, Manchester, in which Malcolm scampered along the platform beside the departing London train exclaiming, "Goodbye, Kitty, goodbye; I'm sure our paths will one day cross again" (in fact, Kitty returned the next day and the marriage was once more put together).

Kathleen Rosalind Dobbs was born in Switzerland, the daughter of Rosie (the youngest of the eight sisters of Beatrice Webb) and of her second husband George Dobbs, who organised skiing holidays on behalf of Henry Lunn Tours — Kitty herself was to become women's skiing champion at the age of 20 in 1924. Her education was an unconventional one, culminating at the coeducational school of Bedales, Hampshire, where she was the contemporary of the progeny of several other progressive families. Her parents approved of the school's lack of religious education but her aunt was disturbed by her lack of academic attainments and in 1925 arranged for her to attend the London School of Economics (of which Beatrice and Sidney Webb had been joint founders).

The idea was that she would take a social science diploma but she failed the course and shortly afterwards, in September 1927, married Malcolm Muggeridge — who had shared rooms with her half-brother at Cambridge. The wedding seems to have come as a surprise to virtually everyone: it took place at Birmingham Registry Office (Muggeridge was working at the time as a supply teacher in the city). Kitty had not wanted any of her family to come but her father insisted on attending and Arnold Lunn sent a 15-guinea cheque as a wedding present — which the bride promptly tore up rather to the exasperation of the groom.

Initially she was, if anything, more liberated than her husband — and in its early years the marriage was certainly characterised by infidelities on either side (the most recent biography of A. J. P. Taylor leaves the question open as to whether there was an *affaire* between him and Kitty in Manchester where he and the Muggeridges shared a house). Politically, too, she was in no way less advanced than the Malcolm Muggeridge who went to Moscow to report on the Soviet Union for the *Manchester Guardian* in 1932 — indeed, it was in that year that she told her approving Aunt "Bo" how "tremendously exciting it was to get out of a dead city like Manchester into a living, intensely living, world like Moscow". (Characteristically, she had even gone out ahead of her husband to Moscow in order to secure herself a job on an English language Soviet newspaper).

Disillusionment with Communism fortunately, however, seems to have struck both of them simultaneously — though Kitty, who had fallen ill in Moscow and was anyway heavily pregnant with her second son, returned home some months before her husband. Back in London the problem soon became the more mundane one of money — initially, along with sex, a constant source of strain on the marriage — and it came as a relief when Muggeridge, having severed his connection with the *Manchester Guardian*, eventually succeeded in finding himself a job with the International Labour Organisation in Geneva.

In later life Muggeridge was to portray this brief Swiss interlude — they lived also for a few months in a chalet near Montreux — as something of an idyll. Indeed, it is as such that it is presented in the first volume of his memoirs, *The Green Stick* (1972). The contemporary evidence, however, suggests otherwise. Certainly, well before the end of 1933 Kitty had packed her bags, picked up the children and left for home — and Muggeridge's own *Diaries* of the time reveal that the marriage had become subject to rows and stress. For the next two years — with her husband in India, where he had gone as a teacher on coming down from Cambridge, and was now back again working for the Calcutta *Statesman* and forming an attachment with a celebrated Indian woman painter — the couple lived substantially apart.

That was necessarily also the pattern of the wartime years, when Muggeridge was enrolled as a spy, working principally in Lourenço Marques, for MI6. By now Kitty's energies were devoted primarily to her family — and her aunt noted with approval that she had turned into "a devoted mother". She was compelled to remain in that role when, after the war, Muggeridge went for 18 months to America as *The Daily Telegraph*'s Washington correspondent. The family was not effectively reunited until he returned to London in 1947, becoming in 1949 the *Telegraph*'s deputy editor, and then — the start of his real fame — editor of *Punch* in 1953.

Four children — three sons and a daughter — had been born before the outbreak of war and the burden of bringing them up fell largely on Kitty. It was with some relief, once the children had grown up, that she moved out of London to go to live with her husband first in a farmhouse and then in an isolated, renovated cottage near Robertsbridge in Sussex. It was here, especially after the death of their third son at the age of 20 in a skiing accident in 1956, that the elegiac period of the Muggeridges' life began — a period that was to endure for more than thirty years.

At last Kitty came into her own — first as the equal and then as the protective partner in the marriage. Pilgrims, especially from the American Bible Belt, would come to Park Cottage from all over the globe and with her home-baked bread, frugal vegetarian lunches (to which ham was always added for guests) and enormous teas she operated as the model chatelaine to "the Sage of Robertsbridge". She had an especial talent for "cueing" his conversation — acting almost as a driving instructor when he embarked on his sometimes discursive anecdotes and firmly indicating to guests that it was time to leave once she had formed the view that he was tired.

Her placid exterior could, in fact, be misleading. She had a sharp tongue of her own: her dismissive phrase about David Frost ("He rose without trace") has, rightly, gone down into national folklore. But it was by no means a one-off. In his latter years her husband took to inviting people to lunch without always remembering that he had done so. It, therefore, became her habit to inquire in bed in the morning — as they lay sipping endless cups of tea — whether anyone was coming to lunch that day. On one occasion, whether mischievously or not, her husband replied that he thought he had invited "one of those head-shrinking chappies". She proved more than equal to the challenge, responding without a pause: "In that case, we had better have Freud fish and Jung potatoes."

Having for years read the Bible and the Psalms together every night, they were jointly received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1982. By then Kitty Muggeridge had added to her record as an author a translation of *The Fables of La Fontaine, including his Life Of Aesop* (1973) and a Lenten book *Gazing on Truth: Meditations on Reality* (1985). Her husband, who had written more than a score of books of his own, was always touchingly proud of his wife's literary output. Malcolm Muggeridge died in 1990 and she is survived by two of her three sons and by a daughter.

BRIGADIER SIR CHARLES SPRY

Brigadier Sir Charles Spry, CBE, DSO, Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), 1950-70, died in Melbourne on May 29 aged 83. He was born in Brisbane on June 26, 1910.



AS HEAD of Australia's security service through the height of the Cold War years, Charles Spry had an early success in 1954 with the defection of two senior Soviet secret agents in Australia. Spry headed the domestic Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) for twenty years from 1950. The high point of this career came when his organisation helped to persuade the husband-and-wife team of Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov to defect, in what became known as the Petrov Affair.

It was Petrov who furnished the names of 600 Soviet agents in Europe and Australia and revealed to Western Intelligence for the first time that the defectors Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean were in Moscow, what sort of work they were doing, and the fact that they had been recruited by the Russians while still at Cambridge. Spry had overseen every aspect of the long cultivation of Petrov by ASIO operatives and subsequently played a key role in the royal commission set up to investigate the full extent of Soviet espionage in Australia.

Despite the commendations with which Spry's handling of the Petrov case was generally greeted in the West, Dr Evatt, the leader of the Australian Labor Party, saw the sudden production of the trump card of Petrov on the eve of the 1954 elections as a "cooked up" plot by the Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, to discredit his party in the eyes of the voters.

Charles Spry was the son of an Australian father and an English mother. He was educated at Brisbane Grammar School, where he was keener on sporting activities than academic pursuits, and then attended Australia's Royal Military College at Duntroon, Canberra (he liked to remind colleagues that there had been a Spry in the British Army for the last two centuries).

In 1935 he took up a military career, joining the Duke of Wellington's Regiment and serving on India's North-West Frontier. During the war he served in Europe under General Blamey — participating in the ill-fated Greek and Crete campaigns, in the Middle East, and finally in Papua New Guinea. He was awarded the DSO.

After the war he became director of Australia's military intelligence and, under the direction of the British secret service, played a key role in the formation of Australia's domestic security service, ASIO, rising to become the organisation's second Director-General in 1950 under Robert Menzies. What was to have been a four-year appointment, however, turned into a 20-year career.

His new task, as seen by both men, was clear. The Korean War had just begun and the Australia Communist Party was then a strong Stalinist organisation with well established links to Moscow. Spry was a vigorous leader and his direction at the time was not challenged, although it left an unexpected legacy. Spry was so concerned with the Communist threat that, some claim, he turned a blind eye to the arrival of extreme right-wing groups from Europe, in particular Yugoslavia, in the postwar wave of immigrants to Australia.

A new book on the history of ASIO, *Australia's Spies and Their Secrets* by David McKnight, documents his decision to ignore the threat posed by the rise of such political émigré groups as the Croatian Ustashi movement which had supported Germany during the war. In the 1950s and 1960s Australia provided ample space to Ustashi military training camps, thus enabling an atmosphere to develop in Australia which may today still help to fuel ethnic conflicts in the Balkans.

Spry retired as Director-General in 1970, but emerged as a public figure once more in 1986 to speak out against "the scattergun nature" of allegations made by Peter Wright in his *Spycatcher* book. As far as Spry was concerned, the theory that Sir Roger Hollis (who, along with other British security officers, had helped to establish ASIO) could possibly have been a Soviet mole was ludicrous — Hollis had known about Petrov's impending defection and would surely, Spry argued, have warned the Russians and prevented it had such been the case.

After his retirement, Spry settled down to spending more time with his family, painting in watercolour and reading, particularly thrillers and anything on espionage. He was an excellent cook, and loved company, jokes and anecdotes, buoyed up by a good brandy. He was appointed CBE in 1956 and knighted in 1964.

He leaves a son and two daughters, his wife Kathleen having predeceased him two years ago.

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MARGERY DE BRISSAC-BERNARD

Margery de Brissac-Bernard, founder and headmistress of Garden House School, Chelsea, and ballet dancer, died on June 6 aged 97. She was born in Richmond, Surrey, on December 3, 1896.



MISS de Brissac, as she was professionally known, was one of those formidable headmistresses who tends to be held in equal measures of affection and awe by her charges. Although children instantly liked her — referring to her behind her back as "Breezy" — she could be a stickler for order and discipline. This natural authority, combined with what was, for such small children, an unconventionally stimulating syllabus, established Garden House as one of the most over-subscribed pre-preparatory schools in London during her twenty years at its helm.

Margery Irene de Brissac-Bernard was the daughter of a financier and originally looked set for a career in dance. As a child she would perch "on point" in her bedroom slippers, and as a teenager took ballet lessons from a Russian dancer. She never turned professional, but danced at numerous charity fêtes, designing her own costumes and choreographing the dances. Frederick Ashton once saw her perform at the Shaftesbury Theatre — she was small-boned and bird-like, standing less than 5ft tall — and invited her, unsuccessfully, to join a world tour with the Royal Ballet.

Even so, her family were not rich and it was always accepted that she would make her own way in life. During the First World War, she worked first at the Admiralty before joining the Red Cross as a nurse. Afterwards, she and her sister Odette taught ballet in family homes and in local schools. Then, in the late 1940s, she was approached by Angela Fitzgerald, the wife of the actor Walter Fitzgerald, and asked to teach not only ballet but a range of subjects to her own, and to friends', children at the Fitzgeralds' home in Cadogan Gardens. Although Margery had no formal education herself (she was brought up by governesses and nannies), her enthusiasm overcame her qualms and, having bought six school desks from Peter Jones, she transformed a room on the ground floor of the Fitzgerald house into a classroom and began to teach.

By 1950 the "school's" waiting list had grown to the point where Margery was forced to move to more conventional premises — which became Garden House School at 53 Sloane Gardens — and to take on extra staff. The school's numbers settled down annually to around 100 pupils, aged five to eight, a high proportion of whom were the offspring of diplomatic staff from the nearby embassies. By the time of her retirement, more than 2,000 pupils had passed through her hands. Fees were nominal but the academic standards were high — French was taught from the age of five — and the uniforms which Margery designed were reckoned by parents to be the smartest in London: peacock blue Harris Tweed coats and velvet berets for the winter; blue and white striped pinafores, white bloomers and straw hats for the summer.

Margery retired in 1974 to Frant near Tunbridge Wells. Even after partially losing her sight in later years, after a collision with a bicycle, she would still charge everywhere. She had a robust sense of humour, and loved telling stories against herself as when once, on the Underground, she happened to see the father of a Garden House pupil. Turning innocently to her travelling companion, she boomed across a full, and very bemused, carriage: "There goes the father of one of my children."

Though she had many offers of marriage, Margery de Brissac-Bernard remained faithful to the memory of a Royal Naval officer who was lost with his ship in the First World War, and whose photograph she always kept by her bed.

THE CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

"THE ZEAL OF THY HOUSE"

BY DOROTHY L SAYERS

Michael	Anthony Quayle
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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CANTERBURY, June 12

Jokes about Lord Peter Wimsey are really beside the point. The play written by Miss Sayers for the Canterbury Festival this year is a sincere and illuminating study of the purification of an artist, a kind of architectural Gerontius purged by heavenly fire of his last earthly infirmity. It may seem incongruous that this study should proceed from a writer of detective stories. The incongruity is however, more apparent than real. Miss Sayers's development has lately pointed towards a "straight novel," and she described her last book as "a love story with detective interruptions." *The Zeal of Thy House* (what an unattractive title!), being without these interruptions, may be regarded as more in the nature of a promise fulfilled than of a strange departure. But it attacks its sacred theme with a busy inventiveness which suggests that it may be no bad thing for such work that its author has been accustomed to hold the attention of a class of readers ready to close the book as soon as their interest flags.

As we should expect, the story has been deduced with more ingenuity than probability from documents. Miss Sayers finds in Gervase that William of Sens, who was chosen to rebuild the Choir of Canterbury destroyed in the great fire of the 12th century, showed shrewdness and tact in getting his own way with the simple Churchmen who were his masters, that some years later he was gravely injured by falling from the crown of a high arch, and that, after trying in vain to carry on his work from his bed, he gave it up and went home to France. These facts suggest to Miss Sayers that William of Sens was a man of the world, a seducer of women, and a taker of bribes. But since his work is still standing in a perfect state of preservation he must at least have had an artistic conscience. May not his only integrity have been artistic, the creative spirit in him so strong and so unbalanced that, looking upon his work, he would sometimes boast himself the equal of his Maker?

The salvation of such a man is the play's theme and Miss Sayers works it out in a series of naturalistic scenes presided over by severely specialist angels controlling and commenting upon the action. She asks the audience to assume that the medieval mind was much like our own, and, that not only the housewife's remark, "So I said to her, you can take your wages and go," but the mental outlook of churchmen and artists is constant through the ages. Taken on these terms the comedy of the architect's dealings with the churchmen, the workmen, and the wealthy patroness, has unfailing liveliness, and the reckoning which he is called upon to make with his soul a deeply moving reality. Mr Harcourt Williams plays the character on a note of almost Gascon exuberance which is in effective contrast to the Angel Michael of Mr Anthony Quayle, through whom absolute truth seems to find unhurried, inexorable expression. Mr Laurence Irving's stage setting is simple and beautiful.

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Those who associate the writer Dorothy L Sayers only with her aristocratic detective Lord Peter Wimsey might have received something of a cultural shock from this play, written for Canterbury Festival.

NEWS

Defiant Major sticks to his guns

■ John Major told a bruised and bickering Conservative Party that he would beat off any challenges and lead it into the next general election.

The Prime Minister reacted to the Tories' worst national electoral performance this century with a pledge to stick to his policies on law and order, education and the economy, a hint of tax cuts when the time is right, and a boast that the party could and would recover ..... **Pages 1, 11-16, 20,21**

Rail strike called after talks fail

■ Britain's rail network will begin shutting down tonight ahead of a national strike called for tomorrow by railway signalmen. The walkout was approved by officials of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers after talks over pay and conditions broke down ..... **Page 1**

PC to pay boy

A policeman who clipped a schoolboy around the ear for tormenting an elderly woman was ordered to pay the child £50 compensation..... **Page 1**

Tyson plea fails

The former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sent back to prison after a judge refused to believe his claims to be a reformed character ..... **Page 3**

Baby saved

A baby came within seconds of death after eating a peanut-butter sandwich in the latest incident of what doctors say is becoming an increasingly common allergy to such proteins ..... **Page 5**

Legal delay urged

The Lord Chancellor has been urged to delay his controversial scheme enabling lawyers to take cases on a no-win, no-fee basis or impose restrictions on the fees they may charge..... **Page 2**

Killer's appeal

A murderer won the first round of his battle to get his conviction quashed after claims that three jurors used a Ouija board before reaching a verdict..... **Page 3**

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Huntingdonshire will be recreated and Oxford and Cambridge will keep local control of their affairs under proposals from the Local Government Commission ..... **Page 7**

Lockerbie confession

A member of the Palestinian terrorist group led by Abu Nidal has claimed in a Beirut court that he carried out the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie..... **Page 16**

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Russia has announced plans to slash its armed forces by 300,000 men in less than four months, in a move which could provoke a serious political backlash against President Yeltsin ..... **Page 16**

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Employees of the French airline, Air Liberté, have pledged to continue disrupting British Airways' flights from Paris's Orly Airport, until they get the right to fly to Heathrow ..... **Page 9**

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North Korea has decided to withdraw from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, a Japanese news agency has claimed ..... **Page 17**

Funeral of 'Messiah'

Thousands of ultra-orthodox Lubavitcher Jews streamed through the streets of New York to bury the rabbi many believed was the Messiah ..... **Page 17**

Coalition moves

Moshood Abiola, the millionaire who has declared himself president of Nigeria, was believed to be holding talks aimed at forming a coalition ..... **Page 17**

Police pay for self-defence lessons

■ Police officers are paying for private lessons in techniques for subduing violent criminals because they think the official courses are not good enough. About 20 officers have signed up for a £40 one-day course organised by a company run by a former Metropolitan Police and City of London officer. A further 150 have made inquiries about it ..... **Page 9**

SAM MORGAN MOORE



Liberal Democrat Adrian Sanders is comforted by his wife Alison after failing to take the Devon and East Plymouth seat in the Euro-elections by 700 votes. On the right is Richard Huggett who stood for the Literal Party and received 10,203 votes. **Page 12**

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Amstrad purchase: Alan Sugar's Amstrad group is buying the Viglen direct-selling personal computer group for an initial payment of £60 million..... **Page 25**

Executive pay rise: British Airways said that the total pay of its chairman, Sir Colin Marshall, had risen from £664,000 to £788,000 in the year to the end of March..... **Page 25**

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Cricket: Graham Gooch scored his third double century of the season to lead Essex to an improbable victory over Worcestershire at New Road..... **Page 48**

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Racing: The opening day of Royal Ascot today features the St James's Palace Stakes, made up of a field drawn from among the best colts in Europe..... **Page 45**

Disarmingly frank: In writing about his childhood, Edward St Aubyn has quite shamelessly bitten the hands he has shaken at the best parties..... **Page 18**

Surgical remodelling: About 200 doctors practice cosmetic surgery in Britain: only 150 are fully qualified plastic surgeons. Some are not surgeons at all..... **Page 19**

Health risks: The latest pollutant to arouse public concern is contaminated land. Richard Meeran reports..... **Page 37**

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War art from both sides: Richard Cork, *The Times* art critic, has organised an exhibition of First World War art that will be presented both in Berlin and London, and show two very different perspectives..... **Page 33**

Browne back: A voice as smooth as sunshine cannot disguise the darker side to Jackson Browne's song lyrics..... **Page 35**

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The Princess Royal has become one of the few female members of the royal family to be installed into the Order of the Garter
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Philip Clarke, who may spend between two and four years in a Spanish jail before he knows whether he is to face a drugs charge
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Diana Rigg, made a dame in last week's honours list, has won a Broadway Tony award for her performance in *Medea*
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Homes unfit for humans

■ One in 13 homes in Britain is officially unfit for human habitation. Rachel Kelly looks at the history behind the problem and asks what is being done

World Cup goal machines

■ Why do goalscorers spring from obscurity at World Cup finals? Rob Hughes identifies the players to follow in USA '94

Peggy's back in town

■ After a career spanning 50 years, the indestructible Peggy Lee returns to Britain next week. "I feel I could go on for ever," she tells Alan Jackson

Clive Owen, Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton star in a television version of the West End comedy *An Evening With Gary Lineker* (ITV, 8.30pm) ..... **Page 47**

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A Conservative Party led by a man who looks incompetent or stale will be trounced next time. Mr Major will have to reinvigorate himself; or his MPs will do it ..... **Page 21**

A German reward

Herr Kohl won in the European elections by distancing himself from Brussels. He is a man with his large feet firmly on the ground ..... **Page 21**

O really, O'Reilly

Football does more than politicians can to justify the rivalries of man ..... **Page 21**

PETER RIDDELL

Labour seems at last to have banished the memories of the splits and extremism of the late 1970s and early 1980s ..... **Page 20**

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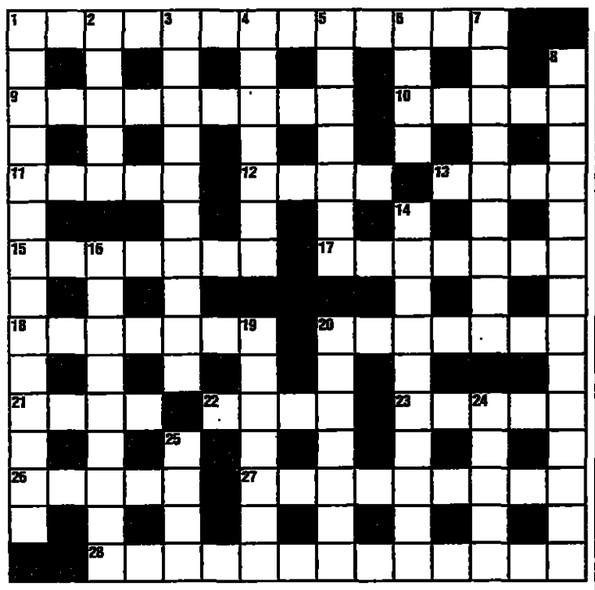
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Sir Colin Buchanan makes the case for village bypasses ..... **Page 21**

The drip, drip, drip of scandal involving financial markets and Washington officials has become so annoying that even those attempting to ignore it must join in efforts to fix the leaky ethics
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With the evil empire rolled back and the US physically secure, idealism (in foreign policy) requires a new and constructive focus if America is to remain internationally engaged *—The New York Times*

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Aboyne, Grampian, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland 0.11in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 15.3hr.

Grass pollen levels today: low in Scotland, northern England, Northern Ireland, moderate to high in Wales; high in Midlands, East Anglia, London; high to very high in southeast England and southwest England

WEATHER

☐ **General:** Northern England and north Wales cloudy at first with patchy rain or drizzle mainly near western coasts and hills, but brighter and dry weather will spread from the north.

Southern England and south Wales will have bright or sunny periods, but it will become cloudy for a time.

Southern and central Scotland and Northern Ireland, will have bright or sunny periods with the best of the sunshine in eastern areas. Northern Scotland will be more cloudy with scattered showers, heaviest and most frequent in the Shetlands, but gradually dying out later today. Rain may spread from the west into parts of north-west Scotland around midnight. It will be a cooler day than yesterday.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E, SW, Cent N, NE England, E Anglia, Midlands, Channel Is, S Wales:** sunny periods, but cloudy for a time. Wind NW light to moderate. Max 18 to 22C (64 to 72F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, IoM:** cloudy. Patchy rain or drizzle mainly on coasts and exposed hills. Becoming brighter and dry from the north. Wind NW moderate. Max 15 to 18C (59 to 64F).

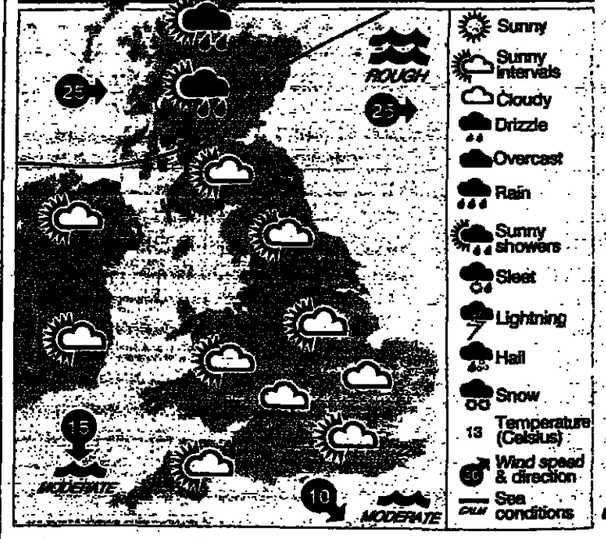
☐ **Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** bright or sunny periods. Wind W moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, Orkney:** cloudy at times. Scattered showers, becoming lighter and dying out later. Wind W fresh to strong. Max 12 to 15C (54 to 59F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** cloudy. Scattered showers, dying out later, but rain from the west around midnight. Wind W fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Shetland:** showers, heavy and thundery for a time, becoming lighter and less frequent later this afternoon and evening. Wind W fresh to strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain or showers in north. Brighter and warmer in south.



Changes to the chart below from noon: high L will be slow-moving and will decline. Low O will move east and fill

24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.0	-	22	72	b	Liverpool	0.1	-	14	57	c
Anglesey	0.7	-	15	59	c	London	10.8	-	20	68	s
Aspatria	0.1	-	15	59	c	Manchester	-	-	15	59	c
Aviemore	2.6	-	22	72	c	Margate	13.4	-	15	59	s
Belfast	-	-	15	59	c	Minehead	14.1	-	19	66	s
Birmingham	5.3	-	14	57	c	Morecambe	-	-	15	59	du
Bognor R	16.3	-	18	64	s	Newcastle	6.1	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	14.3	-	19	66	s	Newquay	11.8	-	17	63	s
Bristol	7.3	-	18	64	s	Norwich	12.8	-	19	66	b
Buxton	1.7	-	12	54	c	Nottingham	3.7	-	17	63	c
Cardiff	4.2	-	17	63	b	Oxford	10.4	-	18	64	s
Clacton	12.8	-	15	59	s	Penzance	13.2	-	18	64	s
Cleethorpes	6.9	-	18	64	s	Plymouth	11.9	-	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	3.0	-	14	57	b	Poole	11.8	-	21	70	s
Cromer	13.4	-	18	64	s	Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	s
Doncaster	8.0	-	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	4.1	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	9.7	-	22	72	s	Ryde	12.1	-	20	68	s
Eastbourne	14.5	-	15	59	s	Salcombe	11.2	-	17	63	s
Edinburgh	3.1	-	21	70	c	Sandown	12.8	-	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	4.0	-	17	63	b	Saunton Snd	10.5	-	19	66	s
Exmouth	X	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	4.5	-	16	61	b
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	s	Scilly Isles	14.7	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	6.2	-	14	57	b	Shanklin	13.1	-	18	64	s
Folkestone	14.1	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	2.8	-	15	59	c
Glasgow	2.6	-	18	64	b	Skegness	9.3	-	18	64	b
Guernsey	13.7	-	17	63	s	Southend	X	-	-	-	-
Hastings	13.3	-	15	59	s	Southport	0.3	-	15	59	c
Hayling I.	12.3	-	16	61	s	Southsea	13.1	-	19	66	s
Herne Bay	13.1	-	15	59	s	Stornoway	2.9	-	16	61	c
Hove	12.3	-	16	61	s	Swanage	13.6	-	19	66	s
Hunstanton	10.8	-	19	66	b	Teignmouth	13.7	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	-	-	14	57	c	Tenby	3.1	-	16	61	c
Jersey	15.1	-	18	64	s	Tiree	0.1	-	14	57	c
Kinloss	8.6	0.02	22	72	r	Torquay	13.4	-	17	63	s
Leeds	1.5	-	17	63	c	Tynemouth	6.0	-	15	59	b
Lerwick	-	0.02	10	50	fg	Ventnor	14.0	-	19	66	s
Leuchars	9.6	-	24	75	b	Weymouth	12.6	-	16	61	s
Littlehmptn	14.8	-	16	61	s						

These are Sunday's figures

Ajaccio	19	66	c	Corfu	20	68	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Alicatiri	27	81	s	Dublin	18	64	s	Malta	23	73	c
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	21	70	r	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Faro	24	75	s	Miami	33	91	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Florence	17	63	f	Milan	21	70	f
Athens	28	79	s	Frankfurt	20	68	s	Montreal	25	77	t
Bahrain	38	10	s	Funchal	21	70	f	Moscow	18	64	c
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	18	64	f	Munich	18	64	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	21	70	f	Nairobi	22	72	f
Barcelona	23	73	s	Helsinki	18	64	f	Naples	21	70	f
Beirut	28	79	s	Hong K	30	86	c	N Delhi	31	88	f
Belgrade	20	68	f	Innsbruck	18	64	c	N York	27	81	c
Berlin	14	57	c	Istanbul	23	73	f	Nice	21	70	f
Bermuda	28	82	s	Jeddah	34	93	s	Oslo	24	75	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	Karachi	41	106	s	Paris	22	72	f
Borde'x	23	73	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	32	90	s
Brussels	19	66	s	La Tquet	20	68	f	Perth	16	61	f
Budapst	23	73	f	Lisbon	24	75	s	Prague	18	64	f
B Aires	16	61	f	Locarno	22	72	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Cairo	34	93	s	L Angels	18	64	c	Rhodes	28	79	s
Chicago	26	82	f	Luxembg	19	66	f	Rio de J	23	73	f
Ch'church	7	45	c	Luxor	40	104	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Cologne	18	64	f	Madrid	23	73	s	Rome	17	63	f
C'phagn	18	64	f	Majorca	24	75	f	Salzburg	18	64	f

S F'risco	16	61	c	Tangier	26	79	s	Vienna	21	70	s
Santiago	12	54	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s	Warsaw	15	59	c
S Paulo	21	70	s	Tenerife	24	75	s	Wash'ton	30	86	f
Seoul	30	86	f	Tokyo	24	75	r	Wel'ngton	9	48	c
Sing'por	33	91	f	Toronto	25	77	t	Zurich	19	66	f
St'kholm	19	66	s	Tunis	25	77	s				
Streb'rg	22	72	f	Valencia	26	77	s				
Sydney	16	61	f	Vanc'ver	14	57	c				
Tangier	26	79	s	Venice	19	66	r				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.55	8.7	5.09	8.5
Aberdeen	4.16	3.8	4.32	3.7
Avonmouth	10.09	12.0	10.34	12.1
Belfast	1.47	3.5	2.16	3.1
Cardiff	9.55	11.16	10.20	11.27
Devonport	8.50	4.8	9.0	5.0
Dover	1.31	8.2	2.0	8.4
Falmouth	8.29	4.6	8.30	4.8
Glasgow	3.32	4.7	4.14	4.7
Harwich	2.38	3.7	2.48	3.7
Holyhead	1.02	5.2	1.33	5.0
Hull	9.09	6.83	9.44	6.70
Ilfracombe	8.56	8.25	9.12	8.37
King's Lynn	9.14	6.2	9.49	5.8
Leith	5.39	5.1	6.09	5.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.54	8.7	2.25	8.5
Lowestoft	12.21	2.2	12.21	2.4
Margate	2.48	4.3	2.56	4.5
Milford Haven	9.13	5.1	9.32	5.2
Newquay	8.06	6.2	8.26	6.4
Oban	8.39	3.4	9.50	3.6
Penzance	7.58	4.9	8.07	5.1
Portland	9.42	1.7	9.47	1.8
Portsmouth	1.56	4.4	2.32	4.4
Shoreham	1.45	5.7	2.16	5.7
Southampton	1.31	4.2	1.59	4.2
Swansea	9.14	8.4	9.29	8.6
Tees	6.41	5.0	7.18	4.8
Wilton-on-Nze	2.33	3.9	2.49	3.7

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Edinburgh 10.06 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 8.33 pm to 5.12 am

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The one that didn't get away: Alan Sugar announcing yesterday that Amstrad was to acquire Viglen, the direct-sales personal computer group

Amstrad to pay £60m for Viglen

By Colin Campbell

ALAN Sugar's Amstrad is buying Viglen, the direct-selling personal computer group, for an initial £60 million.

Amstrad will pay £30 million immediately, from net cash holdings that stood at £135 million on May 11, and a deferred £30 million over the next three years. Further payments will depend on Viglen's performance.

Viglen's key five-man management team will head an autonomous unit within Amstrad and will be tied in with minimum 42-months service contracts including a profit-sharing formula.

Viglen, founded in 1975, started manufacturing personal computers for direct sale in 1988: it currently has a turnover of £80 million. Pre-tax profits (before directors' emoluments and exceptional items) totalled £9 million in the year ended March 31.

Ahead of Amstrad's current year end on June 30, Mr Sugar yesterday gave a warning that "trading continues to be at the lower end of the board's expectations".

He said: "This deal marks a major change in distribution and provides an exciting new dimension to Amstrad's existing businesses." And he added that a move away from the traditional channels of distribution would return the company to making large profits. Viglen's strength was direct selling: it did not surrender margins to high street retailers.

Gideon Fiegel, who led a shareholders' revolt when, in 1992, Mr Sugar offered to buy them out at 30p a share, said: "I congratulate Mr Sugar. It is excellent news. A perfect deal. He is spending the cash wisely, and now that two outside directors have been appointed, and a new chief executive is coming in, Amstrad is going in the right direction."

David Rogers, who joins Amstrad as chief executive on August 22, will be paid an initial salary of £225,000 with a first year minimum bonus of 15 per cent of base salary. He will also have options, subject to a maximum of four times base salary. Amstrad shares rose ¼p to 313¾p.

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Mercury cuts its business user rate

By Susan Gilchrist

MERCURY One-2-One rekindled the mobile phone price wars yesterday by cutting its tariffs to business users and offering the option of free off-peak local calls, already open to domestic customers.

The move comes less than a week after Gerry Whent, chief executive of Vodafone, predicted an easing of the price wars and said his group would not be reducing its tariffs again this year.

His assertion that Mercury One-2-One could not afford to cut its prices further was dismissed by Richard Goswell, Mercury One-2-One's managing director. "We know we can make a very comfortable business with tariffs at this level." He said the company was still on track to make a profit by 1996-97 in spite of the latest price cuts.

One-2-One's BusinessCall monthly subscription has been cut from £20 to £17.50 while peak-rate charges have been reduced from 16p per minute to 14p. Off-peak charges remain at 8p, but the off-peak period has been extended to include the weekend. Business users are also being offered the option of free off-peak local calls for an extra £10 per month, and cheaper international call charges for an additional £2.99 per month.

Mr Goswell said half of One-2-One's sales were to business users, but that not all of them subscribed to the BusinessCall tariff. The network has secured 3 per cent of the national mobile phone market since its launch last September and 12 per cent within its South-East coverage area.

Markets dive on talk of tax cuts

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ **Worries that the Government might feel inclined to offer tax cuts to restore its popularity upset financial markets in the wake of the European election results**

LONDON financial markets slumped yesterday, as investors gave a swift thumbs-down to government talk of tax cuts in the hours after its disastrous showing in the European elections.

Gilts began the rout, reacting to fears that the Conservatives will resort to politically inspired tax cuts that would put progress in cutting the budget deficit at risk. Equities followed and the FT-SE 100 index closed 39.6 points down at 3,016.3. The pound weakened, particularly against the mark. The Conservatives' poor poll performance contrasted with unexpected victories for the ruling party in Germany.

UK markets were rattled by comments on Sunday evening by Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative Party chairman, that tax cuts might be a possibility. This was again highlighted by John Major after the markets had closed yesterday. He said: "If and when it is prudent to cut taxes in the future, our instinct will be to cut them. I would rather let people decide for themselves how to spend their money than we should decide on their behalf."

The markets, which generally applauded tough tax raising measures by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Kenneth Clarke, the present one, believe the Government should stick to its deficit-cutting plans, despite its unpopularity.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "The markets see Mr Fowler on television talking about tax cuts on the evening of the election results. You don't have to be Machiavelli to get suspicious that the Government is again responding to political pressure."

Economists are concerned that leading government figures are talking about cutting taxes before they have delivered deep public spending cuts that have also been hinted at. Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "The markets do not want to see the Government fetching out the goodies. This is not the fiscal austerity that the Government has been preaching."

The Euro election results left the markets with the prospect of continuing political uncertainty. A better result for the Government than expected would probably have ended talk of a Conservative leadership contest; a really bad result would have made one a foregone conclusion.

The slide in UK financial markets was also caused partly by worries about inflationary pressures. It is being forecast that another rise in average earnings growth will be announced tomorrow. James Capel predicts a rise of 4.25 per cent in underlying earnings in April, after 4 per cent in March; Midland Global Markets expects a 4.5 per cent rise.

A rise in raw materials prices paid by manufacturers, announced yesterday, did not go unnoticed, though this was outweighed by extremely encouraging figures for output prices.

British bonds also suffered from negative sentiment in Europe after Susan Philips, a member of the Federal Reserve Board, said there were slight signs of inflationary pressure in the US. Bond and share markets throughout Europe sustained heavy losses on concern about US interest rate policy.

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Lowest output price growth since 1986

By Our Economics Correspondent

BRITISH industry is continuing to keep a lid on prices charged to its customers, boding well for inflation in coming months.

The Central Statistical Office said output prices rose only 0.1 per cent in May, taking the annual rate of increase down to 2 per cent from 2.2 per cent in the year to April, the lowest since the 1.9 per cent in December 1986.

Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol, prices also rose only 0.1 per cent between the two months and 2 per cent against May a year ago. Taking the last three months over the previous three months, the CSO said the figures pointed to an annual rate of increase of only 1.1 per cent.

Slightly less positive was an increase in input prices of a seasonally adjusted 0.9 per cent in May, higher than expected. In April, prices had risen 0.8 per cent.3 per cent from April last year.

The output prices show that manufacturers are still not confident enough of demand to pass higher raw materials costs on to their customers. Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said: "There was nothing in these figures to give an inflation fear story."

Secret pay package for WPP chief



Marshall: options

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

MARTIN Sorrell, chief executive of WPP Group, is paid as a consultant with a consequent reduction in his tax liabilities, but his pay package has never been put to shareholders at an annual meeting.

The arrangements, which allow him to receive payment through JMS Financial Services, a private company, and give him a five-year rolling contract, have not been revealed in WPP's report and accounts since he joined the company in 1986. Since he arrived, WPP has been transformed into the world's biggest advertising group.

The details are not mentioned in WPP's latest accounts, published two weeks ago, which showed in the year to March 31, his earnings rose from £510,000 to £956,000 including a £351,000 bonus.

WPP said last night there was no legal requirement to release details of its chief executive's pay arrangements in annual reports, but reference had been made to them in official documents released as part of various share issues.

Mr Sorrell's pay package, including the five-year rolling contract, is now under review by the company's remuneration committee.

☐ The total pay of Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways chairman, rose from £664,000 to £788,000 in the year to March 31. The figure is in its report and accounts, which also gives an indication of the profits from top management share options. Sir Colin has options offering a paper profit of £662,000 to £1.35 million, depending on granting price.

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Gooda Walker 'gave loss warning'

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

DEREK WALKER, former managing director of Gooda Walker, told the High Court yesterday that he had warned names and members' agents that they could make substantial losses on his syndicate — a claim that contradicted earlier statements from four members' agents.

Mr Walker, giving evidence in the High Court case brought by 3,096 names on Gooda Walker syndicates, said he had warned names and agents for many years that they could lose 200 per cent of their original investment on syndicate 290.

Geoffrey Vos QC, representing the names, said that in the recent case of Michael Sword-Daniels all four agents had stated on oath that Mr Walker had never mentioned the possibility of 200 per cent losses prior to 1989.

In 1989, syndicate 290 lost £271 million, equal to 386 per cent of its capacity. Mr Vos read out a statement from Hugh Barnes, an agent, who described the warning as "shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted". Mr Vos said that in the syndicate's 1984 accounts Mr Walker said he had "substantial cover to protect the syndicate against catastrophe". In the next two years, he said there was a "major" reinsurance programme giving names protection.

Mr Vos also told the court that names had received letters from Tony Gooda, chairman at Gooda Walker, telling them that the syndicates "would not make them a fortune but would not lose them a fortune".

☐ In a separate move, 500 Outhwaite names were in the Appeal Court yesterday trying to overcome a time bar against their action. They had not joined the group action against RHM Outhwaite, which ended with an £116 million out-of-court settlement. Both cases continue.



Sir Denys Henderson, ICI chairman, left, and Ronnie Hampel are keen to accelerate the rate of investment

ICI to invest £250m in new Pakistan plant

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ ICI is trying to increase its exposure to the fast growing Asian economies by building factories which produce a basic ingredient used in the manufacture of polyester fibre

ICI, the international chemicals group, is planning to invest an estimated £250 million in the construction of a massive new plant in Pakistan to supply the country's rapidly expanding textile industry with the raw material for polyester fibre.

The group revealed it is also looking at plans to double the capacity of its existing plant in Taiwan manufacturing the same chemical, at a cost of up to £100 million. The plant was opened just over a year ago.

These investments are intended to increase the group's exposure to the fast-growing economies in South and South-East Asia.

ICI yesterday said that its 61.5 per cent-owned Pakistani subsidiary is hoping to build a new pure terephthalic acid (PTA) manufacturing plant in Port Qasim in Pakistan. The plant would make 400,000 tonnes of PTA a year, making it one of the largest of its kind in the world.

PTA is a basic ingredient in polyester fibre, and demand for it is growing at 13 per cent a year in Pakistan, owing to the rapid expansion of the country's textile industry. ICI Pakistan is already one of the country's two largest manufacturers of polyester fibre and the plant would give it ready access to a commodity that is in increasingly short supply in Asia.

ICI is concerned that if it fails to meet the market's demand for the chemical, local firms will exploit the gap in the market.

The investment still needs to be officially approved by ICI's board and the Pakistan government, but the idea stems from the runaway success of the group's new Taiwan plant. This is running at full capacity only a year after it opened, contributing estimated sales of £200 million and it is already boosting profits from ICI's industrial chemicals division significantly.

Demand for PTA is so intense that the group already intends to double its capacity to 800,000 tonnes. South-East Asia's consumption of PTA is rising by 9 per cent a year. Of the 9.4 million tonnes of PTA manufactured in the world each year, 60 per cent is consumed by the Asia-Pacific region and the proportion is rising.

Since PTA is a complex chemical to manufacture, the plants are expensive. The initial Taiwan project cost $300 million, and ICI expects that the Pakistan plant will not be much cheaper.

The expansion of the Taiwan site will be less expensive since the group has already built the infrastructure around the plant.

ICI is expected to make a capital injection into ICI Pakistan to fund the project, with the rest of the money coming from bank borrowings and possibly a rights issue among ICI Pakistan's minority shareholders.

These investment plans are the brainchild of Ronnie Hampel, ICI's chief executive, who is championing the need for ICI to expand organically in the fast-growing economies in Asia. ICI and Amoco are the two largest manufacturers of PTA in the world, so the project fulfils Mr Hampel's criteria of global reach and market leadership.

Following its demerger from Zeneca, ICI has low debt levels and is keen to accelerate the pace of its investment. The group recently admitted that it is looking at up to six potential projects in China, following the success of its first paint manufacturing joint venture there.

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Supervision needed for derivatives, says BIS

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE rapid growth of the $12,000 billion derivatives market and heavy losses sustained by some corporate users of sophisticated derivatives products underlines the need for closer monitoring, according to the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

The BIS annual report noted that central banks have little control over the market, which operates outside the organised market system. It said the establishment of clearing houses for over-the-counter markets "if properly designed, could substantially reduce counterparty risks in OTC derivatives".

A number of companies have recorded substantial losses by using investment instruments such as interest rate and currency swaps and futures and options. These include Allied Lyons, Procter & Gamble, Shell's Japanese trading arm and Atlantic Richfield.

The report added: "These losses and the ongoing debate about the potential risks posed by derivatives markets have accentuated the need to develop more appropriate measures for the exposures which derivatives actually entail and for the size of markets in comparison with cash markets."

The BIS suggested that one way to limit the risk potential was for financial institutions to show much greater openness about their exposure to these investments. Matthew Elderfield, assistant director of the British Bankers Association, welcomed the BIS call. He said: "Increased disclosure on positions taken in the derivatives market would help investors and shareholders alike to decide whether a bank or company was over-exposed."

The BIS also expressed concern about high and persistent unemployment, which, it said, was the most serious problem facing policy-makers in the OECD countries. Last year, more than 33 million workers were actively seeking work.

But John LaWare, the Federal Reserve Board Governor, said concerns over the derivatives market had been overdone. He said the market could be safely managed by regulatory supervision without the need for new legislation.

RBS subsidiary pays $140m for US bank

CITIZENS Financial Group, Royal Bank of Scotland's subsidiary in the United States, yesterday announced its intention to acquire Quincy Savings Bank for $139.9 million. The bank, based in Massachusetts, has 14 branches and assets of $833 million. The purchase is subject to the approval of Quincy shareholders and the regulatory authorities.

The deal is Citizens' seventh acquisition in New England since 1990 and follows last month's purchase of Coastal Federal Savings Bank for $10.7 million and that of Neworld Bancorp in April. The Royal Bank will inject $115 million into Citizens, which now has assets of nearly $9 billion and is the fifth largest commercial bank in New England, to fund the transaction. George Mathewson, chief executive of the Royal Bank, said that the acquisition supported the bank's strategy of achieving at least 10 per cent of its future earnings from the United States.

St Modwen disposals

ST MODWEN, the property development and investment group, has made two disposals totalling £37.3 million which, it said, would boost significantly market forecasts of profits for the current year. The company said that the sale of its stake in the Octagon Shopping Centre in Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, for £22.9 million to Scottish Amicable Investment Managers would generate a £3.7 million profit. The funds will be used to repay debt. The second agreement involves the sale for £14.4 million of a site at Oldbury in the West Midlands to be occupied by Sainsbury's Homebase.

Lloyds Chemists buys

LLOYDS Chemists is expanding its growing wholesale business with the acquisition of Daniels Pharmaceuticals and other associated companies for a total of £10.52 million. Daniels runs a wholesaling operation in the North West, East Midlands, East Anglia and the northern Home Counties. It also has a pharmaceutical manufacturing business in Derby and a surgical retail and wholesale operation in Nottingham. The company, which made operating profits of £1.5 million in the year to June 30 1993, has net assets of £913,000.

Avon Inflatables sold

AVON Rubber has sold its rubber boats business. Avon Inflatables and related companies in America and France, for £7.76 million. The buyer is a new company, Avon Marine, formed by David Powell, a former director of GEC, and backed by funds from CINVen. Avon Inflatables, employing 200 in South Wales, made operating losses of £403,000 in the year to October 2, 1993. Further losses of about £500,000 are understood to have been made in the first half of the current trading year. Avon Rubber retains 10 per cent of Avon Marine.

Prospect cuts losses

PROSPECT Industries, which provides engineering services to the power generation and process industries, reduced losses sharply in the six months to March 31, through an exceptional gain of £740,000 on selling the final part of its Graystone Loan Note. Pre-tax losses fell to £489,000 (£1.24 million loss); operating losses were almost static at £1 million (£1.1 million). The interim dividend has been raised 5 per cent, to 0.29p (0.275p). Prospect said orders stood at £80 million, with large tenders outstanding. Workloads in the US and Far East were at a record.

Cropper doubles profit

JAMES Cropper, the Cumbrian paper maker, yesterday reported its best results yet, with taxable profits doubling in the 53 weeks to April 2. Increased sales volumes and lower interest charges drove the performance, said directors. The board said sales price increases were pushed through, where possible, to soften the impact of rapidly rising pulp prices. Pre-tax profits rose to £2.6 million (£1.2 million), with earnings per share of 19p (9.4p). The total dividend is 3.5p (3.1p), via a 2.4p final. Cropper said strong cash flow had enabled it to cut borrowings. Current sales are above budget.

Oriflame advances

CONTINUED rapid growth in Eastern Europe helped Oriflame, the direct sales cosmetics group, to lift pretax profits by 17 per cent, from £11.9 million to £14 million, in the year to March 31. Robert Af Jochnick, chairman, said profits would have been £0.7 million higher had currencies remained stable. Sales of Oriflame Eastern Europe, the associated company in which the group has a 24 per cent stake, almost doubled, from £21 million to £39.8 million. The group expects further, albeit slower, growth in the current year. A final dividend of 8.7p (8p) brings the total to 13p (12p).

New Lucas factory to create 650 jobs

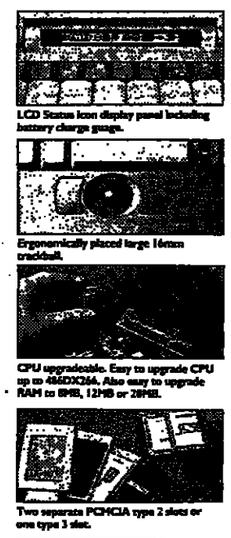
BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

RISING orders from Rover Group have triggered plans by one of Britain's leading car parts makers to build a new factory employing 650 people.

The plant, at Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear, is being built by Lucas SEI Wiring Systems, a joint venture between Lucas and Sumitomo of Japan. It will supply wiring harnesses for Rover's 200/400 series, built at Longbridge, Birmingham, and the Rover 600, assembled at Cowley, Oxfordshire. Production of both ranges of cars has been rising as Rover, now owned by BMW, benefits from rising markets in Britain and the Continent, and the improving reputation of its products.

The establishment of the latest factory, which is also conveniently located to supply Nissan in Sunderland and Toyota at Burnaston, Derbyshire, should the need arise, will be assisted by Sunderland City Council, Tyne & Wear Development Corporation, and the Department of Trade and Industry. Production will begin next month, and recruiting will be phased over 18 months as output builds up.





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LEGAL NOTICES

Company number: 2574353
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I.N.D. LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the Butterfly Hotel, Old Ipswich Road, Colchester, Essex CO7 7QY on Tuesday 21 June 1994 at 11 am in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Statements of claim, and proxy forms if applicable, must be lodged at the Registered Office of the company, Pannell House, Charter Court Severalls Business Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 4YA not later than 12 noon on the Monday 20 June 1994.
Peter Hickman, a licensed insolvency practitioner, of Charles David & Company, Unit 4, Maitland Road, Lion Barn Industrial Estate, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8NZ will, during the period before the day of the meeting, provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 31 May 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P.D. Garlick
Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
GAYJON PROCESSES LIMITED
Registered Number: 1529938
Trading Name: Gayjon Processes Limited
Nature of Business: Footwear Manufacturers
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 9th June 1994
Name of person appointing Administrative Receiver: The Trustees of the Gayjon Processes Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme.
Administrative Receiver: David Bottomley (Office Holder Number 0/005985/01) of Hodgsons Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester M1 4HF

Knightstone Underwriting Limited (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 6th July 1994, to send their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K.P. Barry, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED THIS 25th May 1994
K.P. BARRY
Liquidator

Knightstone Underwriting Limited (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that K.P. Barry, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 853, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF and A.P. Suppersteine, FCA of Messrs. Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA both Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above Company by the members and creditors on 25th May 1994.
DATED THIS 25 May 1994
K.P. Barry, FCA and A.P. Suppersteine, FCA
Joint Liquidators

W D SCOTT & CO LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley &Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 20th May 1994.
DATED THIS 20TH MAY 1994
Peter S Dunn FCA
Liquidator

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF NORTON GROUP PLC
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY
No. 23 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF NORTON GROUP PLC (IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
A Winding-up Order was made against the above-named company on 13 October 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT DATED 21 MARCH 1994
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:-
The Official Receiver has decided, under Section 136(5)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 not to summon First Meetings of the Contributories or the above named company, there being little or no likelihood of a Liquidator other than the Official Receiver being appointed to administer the company.
Date: 19 May 1994
R W GARDNER
Official Receiver
Commercial Union House
22 Martineau Square
BIRMINGHAM B2 4UP

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
S.J. RUDDY & SONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 22nd June 1994 at 14, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FCA, of 14, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner, pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 1 day of June 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.S. RUDDY
DIRECTOR

THE HANDICAPPED CHILDRENS FUND LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 8th day of July 1994, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Stanley Angel, Jackson & Bolton Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Grays Inn London WC1V 6HZ, Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 7th day of June 1994
Stanley Jackson - Liquidator

PATOU LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at ST. PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN at 10.00 a.m. on 30th June 1994 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the joint administrative receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act. Creditors whose debts are wholly secured are not entitled to attend, or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:-
(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 noon on 29th June 1994, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 11.1 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 6th June 1994
R.W. COBB
Joint Administrative Receiver

☐ Markets mark down the spin doctors ☐ Enterprise poised for last Lasmo throw ☐ Fatal flaw in deregulation plans

Politics rears its ugly head

☐ JUST when the markets thought interest rate policy was safe in the Bank of England's hands, politicians are starting to be silly about taxes.

It has gradually become clear over the last few weeks that the new openness accorded to the Bank of England on monetary policy now makes it far harder for the Chancellor to indulge in politically inspired rate cuts. Kenneth Clarke said as much — he was not interested in the "political rate cuts" that formed the critical centre piece of his predecessor's blistering resignation speech. Credibility in monetary policy was a prize he would fight for as fiercely as Eddie George. Thus, the interest rate route appeared to have been cut off.

Investors and industry duly felt reassured that there was now a system in place that would help to avoid the old British boom-bust cycle, so closely associated with the electoral cycle. But they figured without the propensity of politicians in trouble to charge down any other escape route that might be available and damn credibility in the eyes of the market.

That is dangerous. Hints at tax cuts to come by the Conservative Party chairman on Sunday night and the Prime Minister yesterday afternoon have already led to higher bond yields, which squeeze the economy and are, therefore, counterproductive.

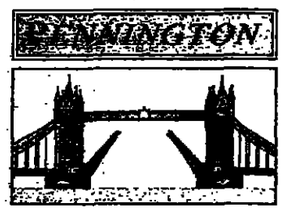
Just when the markets were beginning to believe that the Government had stumbled across a sensible policy of fiscal restraint and caution on interest rates and a virtuous combination of steady growth and low inflation, the Conservative Party spin doctors have roused deep suspicions in the City.

The truth is that the Government would probably have enough scope to offer tax cuts before the next election without sacrificing its credibility with the markets. Next year, fiscal policy tightens again with the second tranche of the Lamont/Clarke tax increases. In 1996, base line tax effects and spending cuts will tighten policy again.

With the public sector borrowing requirement heading for an undershoot this year alone of perhaps £4 billion to £5 billion, the Chancellor could offer the electorate several billions of sweeteners just before the general election and argue that the handout was justified by the bigger than expected improvement in the public finances.

The latest episode is woefully reminiscent of the Government's bad timing and thoughtless presentation of interest rate policy. February's quarter-point cut coincided with a pessimistic judgment on inflation from the Bank of England and tabloid headlines dominated by the latest Conservative Party scandal.

The sad irony for the Government is that, in both monetary and fiscal policy, it has been supported by the markets for doing broadly the right thing. Now, on both counts, it is shooting itself in the foot by giving into opinion poll panic.



Hardly Christmas, says Rudolph

☐ THERE has never been much of a "behind closed doors" aura to Enterprise's takeover shenanigans with Lasmo: witness the spate of activity in Lasmo's shares which prompted the Takeover Panel to force matters out in the first place.

Graham Hearne, chairman of Enterprise, strove valiantly to give the impression of opening doors at his own behest late last week with word that the much speculated about cash alternative — with a little bit of help from the underwriting fraternity — was not to be. By strange coincidence, Enterprise's share price gushed from 400p to 419p immediately before the bulletin, having risen 9p the previous day, subsequently peaking at 426p. Inexplicable.

Come the weekend and all and Sunday, sorry, sundry, were primed for a paint job on Enterprise's paper terms, widely perceived as not the sort of package you take home to meet your trustee. On the table is a mix of "A" shares, bearing subnormal dividend rights, and warrants, valuing Lasmo at an estimated 130p — 17½p below the market price. Stand by, screams the grapevine, for the release of more "A" shares, offering a *less* sub-normal dividend, accompanied by a campaign to explain the hitherto unappreciated attractions of Enterprise's warrants. One of the virtues, so it is said, is that such warrants may prove more readily convertible into cash than the "A" stuff. But, if so, does not the issue of more "A" shares represent something of a double-edged sword? The market for Enterprise's warrants is being compared with that for Hanson's and BTR's warrants. That said, no one is comparing Enterprise with Hanson or BTR.

The prospect of flying paper saw Enterprise's share price reverse 11p to 399p, with Lasmo's quote 5½p higher at 147½p. This signals expectations of new terms significantly north of 150p. Underwriting is out but Hearne has not, as yet, ruled out the straight injection of a modest cash element. Sparse dividend cover guarantees such modesty. Enterprise has until Friday to launch its final throw (barring a counter bid) but, with much lobbying ahead, adviser Warburgs is likely to move sooner rather than later.

Lasmo's US shareholders, with a 22½ per cent stake, traditionally favour cash. Doubtless one of the reasons why Lasmo's chairman Rudolph Agnew argues that an independent petroleum consultant (as conservative as Lasmo's consultant DeGolyer and MacNaughton) should place a "proper value" on Enterprise's paper.

Taxing the accountants

☐ QUESTION: when does less work mean more work? Answer: when Whitehall plans deregulation. Puzzled accountants poring over Kenneth Clarke's first record-length Finance Bill found a new "simplified" tax assessment system for the self-employed so much more complex that even the experts were hard put to understand it. Now, accountants have spotted a fatal flaw in the controversial plan to cut the accounting burden on smaller companies. The proposed new compilation report could turn out more complex and expensive than the statutory audit it is scheduled to replace.

Martyn Jones, of Touche Ross, has sent a remarkably restrained letter to the DTI, alerting officials to "the danger of the reporting accountant being obliged to carry out work to an extent which would negate the intention of deregulation". As drafted, according to Mr Jones, the ominously named Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) Regulations 1994 would force an accountant to test the company's accounts against its records, all the way down to day-books and supporting vouchers. The reporting accountants would also have to say whether the hapless company's accounts were drawn up in line with the "very detailed" provisions of subsection 4 of the Act.

That, too, means "a significant amount of work" for the reporting accountant. And why is the streetwise DTI calling these chaps reporting accountants, when that usually means big firms crawling all over new issues and takeover bids?.

To make matters worse, the DTI's zeal is such that it is rushing through the switch to compilation reports before the accounting authorities have decided what exactly they are. For this relief, no thanks.

Salvesen remains upbeat despite profit decline

By Philip Pangalos

■ Christian Salvesen has reduced costs and refocused its sales strategy to counter difficult market conditions and expects to reap the benefits this year

INTENSE competition in North America, the termination of a contract to provide power to the city of Split, in Croatia, and freak weather combined to depress profits at Christian Salvesen, the distribution, specialist hire and food services group.

The company reported, in line with a warning in January, a 2.4 per cent drop in pre-tax profits, to £74.1 million, in a "difficult" year to March 31. Sir Alick Rankin, the chairman, said: "We expect a better year, but are, not surprisingly, treating it with caution."

Last year's £84.5 million acquisition of Swift Distribution helped operating profits from continuing activities to climb 2.9 per cent, to £80.9 million, on turnover of £558 million, compared with £528 million last time.

Profits from the distribution division climbed 13.1 per cent, to £39.8 million, including a £4.2 million contribution from Swift. US distribution profits grew 5.6 per cent, in spite of the effects of the Los Angeles earthquake and winter conditions that disrupted transport in much of America.

Chris Masters, the chief executive, said the Swift purchase had made the group one of the UK's top three distribution companies. "Swift continues to perform very well ... We are currently in the process of expanding four of Swift's depots to cope with additional volume."

However, overall profits from the Aggreko specialist hire division slid 6 per cent, to £26.5 million, reflecting competition in North America, the termination of the Croatian power contract and losses at the Spanish operation, which has been closed.

Aggreko has won power supply contracts in eastern Germany and Norway and generator rental package contracts for Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Australia. The division, which powered TV transmission of this year's Superbowl, has also won the contract to supply power equipment for transmission of the World Cup football tournament in the US. Large-scale power generator contracts from the oil, gas and chemicals industries are the division's main profit-earners.

Poor summer weather, followed by floods, affected late crops, which in turn hit the group's frozen food packaging business. Operating profits fell 18.5 per cent, to £10.1 million, on overall processing volumes 18 per cent down.

An improving housing market, higher brick sales and better average selling prices helped trading profits at Salvesen Brick to jump by 76.5 per cent, to £3 million.

"We expect a better year in 1994-95," Dr Masters said. "Economic conditions are improving."

The total dividend is raised to 8.1p (7.8p), with an improved final payout of 4.8p, from earnings ahead to 19.2p (19.1p) a share. The shares firmed 8p to 255p.

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Next 'talking' to US retailer about venture

NEXT, the fashion retailer, is believed to be in talks with The Limited, America's largest clothing retailer, to establish a joint venture in Britain (Susan Gilchrist writes).

They are thought to be talking about the launch of The Limited's Bath & Body Works chain, a competitor to The Body Shop that has more than 200 US stores.

The Limited has told US brokers that its expansion into the UK market would be through a 50:50 venture with an established retailer. Next declined to comment.

Currys to move more stores

By Susan Gilchrist

DIXONS Group, Britain's leading electrical retailer, is to accelerate its long-term plan to move Currys out of town with the closure of more than 100 high street stores this year.

The decision will see the number of Currys high street outlets fall from 335 to about 230 by the end of the year. At the same time the expansion of out of town sites will be stepped up with plans to open up to 35 new stores in the current financial year, which began in May, giving the group almost 200 out of town outlets by the end of next April. Capital expenditure is expected to top £50 million in the financial year. Robert Shrager, Dixons' finance director, said he saw scope for up to 250 out of town stores.

Although out of town stores are better suited to selling the wider range of Currys white goods, Mr Shrager said the chain would continue to have a presence on the high street. He added that it was difficult to estimate how many high street stores would be needed at this stage. Despite the accelerated number of closures, he said the group would end up with slightly more selling space as a result of the shift out of town.

The decision to accelerate the closure programme was prompted by recovery in the retail property market. "In the last few years the market for leasehold properties has been virtually moribund," Mr Shrager said. "There is evidence now that there is a market for these types of sites and there are more transactions going on." The group has closed some 220 high street outlets since it acquired Currys ten years ago.

He refused to disclose the cost of the increased number of closures but said any write-offs would be included in the group's results for the year to April 1994, which are announced next month. Analysts expect an exceptional charge of about £6 million.

JOHN CHAPMAN



Peter Matthews said sales in the current financial year were encouraging

Cullen's plunges into red

By Our City Staff

CULLEN'S Holdings, the upmarket convenience store chain, plunged into the red as a result of losses incurred by its Reds Chicken & Ribs fast food outlets, and passed its dividend.

The group made a pre-tax loss of £674,000 in the year to February 27, compared with a £401,000 profit the previous time. Robert Rayne, the chairman, said fast food businesses had suffered from intense competition between the major operators.

The company has therefore decided to make no further investment in Reds Chicken & Ribs and has fully written off the investment made in it to date. The financial impact of the write-off, combined with the chain's operating losses, has cost the group £692,000.

The group's neighbourhood food stores performed well, lifting like-for-like sales by 3.7 per cent and maintaining their gross margins. The patisserie business also made progress.

Cullen's, of which Peter Matthews is chief executive, said the encouraging trend in sales had continued into the current financial year. Nevertheless, the final dividend has been passed; there was a 0.5p payout last time.

Pursuit of Spear anything but trivial

By Philip Pangalos

A HIGH Court judge will decide today whether the battle will continue for control of JW Spear & Sons, the games group best known for Scrabble, and currently at the centre of a tussle between two American toy giants.

Last Thursday, Hasbro UK, part of America's biggest toy group, began legal proceedings against trustees of certain Spear family settlements.

Hasbro, which makes Sindy and Action Man and has a 26.7 per cent stake in Spear, is trying to prevent the sale of a crucial 24.9 per cent holding of the company's shares to Mattel, the American toys group which makes the Barbie doll and which is the rival takeover bidder. If it succeeds in its action against the trustees, Hasbro would clinch control with 51.6 per cent. Mattel emerged as Spear's White Knight with an eleventh-hour, £10-a-share offer, worth £52 million. That topped a £9-a-share bid from Hasbro, which has the US copyright for Scrabble. Hasbro questioned Mattel's claim that undertakings given to Hasbro by trustees of the Spear family shareholdings no longer applied after the counter-bid.

Hasbro claimed it had firm undertakings from the trustees to accept its lower offer. Spear's board, however, said it had taken professional advice and did not accept Hasbro's interpretation of what constituted a public announcement.

Spear's board, with the exception of Francis Spear, the chairman, who had been offered a job by Hasbro, said last week that it believed the Hasbro offer was "wholly inadequate". The board urged shareholders to take no action until the outcome of the litigation was known.

The court ruling will either hand control to Hasbro or give the green light to Mattel's offer; that, in turn, would allow Hasbro to raise its offer.

There has been speculation that the bid from Hasbro, if successful, could face a monopolies commission investigation. Some are concerned that a takeover of Spear by Hasbro, which already owns Kenner Parker and MB Games, would give Hasbro too big a share of the British board games market.

At the moment, with favourites such as Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary, it is estimated to have 40 per cent. Victory over Spear, it is believed, would push that to more than half. Hasbro argues that board games should not be viewed in isolation from other indoor games.



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Europcar Interrent

Lasmo advances as counterbid talk increases

SPECULATION that a last-minute counterbid for **Lasmo**, the besieged independent oil exploration group, may yet emerge has intensified.

Enterprise Oil, which has already made an all-paper bid worth £1.4 billion, fell 11p to 399p yesterday as it continued to decide whether, or not, to improve its terms.

Lasmo finished 5½p dearer at 147½p as almost five million shares were traded with Swiss Bank Corporation said to be bidding for stock. Lasmo has challenged Enterprise to publish its own valuation of what its shares are worth. On Friday, Lasmo issued its defence document containing an independent valuation worth up to 211p a share.

This was greeted by a flurry of activity in Lasmo shares with one big buyer bidding for stock outside the market as 20 million changed hands. This has led to claims that someone *else may make a bid*. Once again the names of **British Gas**, down 4½p at 289p, and Atlantic Richfield of the US continue to be mentioned.

The rest of the equity market went into free-fall, with the bears using the excuse of the Government's latest drubbing in the European elections as a reason to sell everything lower. Most of the early damage was seen in bonds and derivatives which succeeded in dragging the cash market lower in thin trading.

The FT-SE 100 index saw much of last week's rally wiped out, closing just off the bottom with a fall of 39.6 at 3,016.3 as turnover remained

STOCK MARKET

low with just 483 million shares traded.

Dealers said the bears faced little opposition with investors staying on the sidelines ahead of this week's welter of economic data and Friday's triple witching hour in America.

Among leaders, **Ladbroke** firmed 2p to 161p as the start of Royal Ascot week and in spite of the news that finance director Jerry O'Mahony had died.

The insurers came under the hammer again, awaiting publication of a White Paper dealing with pension fund investment policies. Losses were recorded in **General Accident** 16p to 543p, **Guardian** 4p to 174p, and **Royal Insurance** 6p to 249p. **Commerical Union**, which last week emerged as a bidder for Groupe Victoire, the French insurance arm of Compangnie De Suez, fell 25p to 508p. Brokers have put a price tag of about £1.5 billion on Victoire, and CU has indicated that it may help to finance the deal with a £500 million rights issue.

Trans World, the media group, 2p dearer at 177p, is in bid talks with **Emap**, the publisher, which is prepared to offer 181p a share valuing the company at £72 million. Emap, down 2p at 407p, is offering cash with a loan note alternative and has received an acceptance from Owen Oyston with 22 per cent of the shares.

Dixons, the electrical retailer, fell 6p to 187p after confirming plans to rationalise its Currys chain of shops. The group plans to close up to 100 shops as part of a move towards out-of-town shopping. **Amstrad** was ¼p firmer at 31¾p on the news that it is paying £30 million for Viglen, the computer manufacturer. The company also said trading was at the low end of expectations.

Harrington Kilbride, the publisher, tumbled a further 9p to 53p as the market continued to reflect on the group's decision to make provisions totalling £3 million.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts suffered early sharp falls with buyers noticeable by their absence. Dealers said the losses reflected similar falls among US Treasury bonds over the weekend and nervousness yesterday on other European bond markets.

The Long Gilt future led the way lower with the September series tumbling £1 13/32 to £100 3/16 as 67,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, the longer end bore the brunt of the falls with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 losing £1 13/16 at £103½, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 fell £2 1/32 to £104 13/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were mixed at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average 8.72 points ahead at 3,782.17.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5158 (+0.0108)
German mark .... 2.5057 (-0.0081)
Exchange index .... 80.4 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ... 3016.3 (-39.6)
Dow Jones ... 3782.17 (+8.72)*
Nikkei Avg ... 21552.81 (+157.63)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5¼%
US Federal Funds 4¼%*
3-month Treas Bills ... 4.15-4.14%*
Long Bond 7.34%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.5205*	£ $	1.5201
$ DM	1.6460*	£ DM	2.5056
$ SWfr	1.3879*	£ SWfr	2.1107
$ Ffr	5.6180*	£ Ffr	8.5410
$ Yen	103.00*	£ Yen	156.74
£ SDR	n/a	£ ECU	1.2959

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($): AM 382.50 .... PM 382.60
Close 382.40-382.90
New York:
Comex 382.85-383.35*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $16.25 per bbl (Aug)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 144.2 Apr (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

Emap discusses bid for Trans World

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor



Fast track: Robin Miller, Emap's chief executive

EMAP, the fast-growing magazine and newspaper publisher headed by Robin Miller, is in talks to reach a recommended offer for Trans World Communications, owner of the Red Rose and Piccadilly radio stations serving the North West. Any eventual offer would value the company at more than £70 million.

Owen Oyston, a Trans World shareholder, has agreed to sell his 22 per cent stake to Emap, at 181p a share. Emap's purchase of the stake, however, is conditional on it agreeing a bid with the Trans World board for the whole share capital. Emap, which owns Kiss FM, the London pop station, already holds nearly 30 per cent of Trans World, Britain's second biggest quoted radio group.

Emap says any offer at 181p will not be increased and will be for cash with a loan note alternative. The company hopes to resolve the situation this week.

The news had little impact on Trans World shares, up 2p to 177p, given the uncertainty as to whether an offer would be made. Mr Oyston's stake had been known to be up for sale since earlier this year.

Trans World, in a statement, said it was seeking clarification from Emap and the Radio Authority and advised investors to take no action. But Emap says if an offer is made it has agreed with the Radio Authority, the industry watchdog, on an ownership structure for part of its existing radio interests to comply with rules on the holding of radio licences.

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WALL STREET

	Jun 13 midday	Jun 10 close
AMP Inc	63	63
AMR Corp	59	57
AT & T	55	55
Abbott Labs	30	30
Aetna Life	56	56
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	42	42
Albertson's	26	27
Alcan Alumnm	24	23
Alco Standard	57	58
Allied Signal	35	35
Alum Co of Am	74	73
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	50	49
Amer Brands	32	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	29	29
Amer Express	28	28
Amer Genl Corp	28	28
Amer Home Pr	59	58
Amer Intl	94	95
Amer Stores	23	24
Ameritech	40	41
Amoco	58	59
Anheuser-Busch	54	54
Apple Computer	26	26
Archer Daniels	24	24
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	45	46
Asarco	29	29
Ashland Oil	36	36
Atl Richfield	101	101
Auto Data Pro	54	54
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	59	59
Baker Hughes	19	20
Baltm Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	37	36
BankAmerica	49	46
Bank of NY	31	31
Bankers Tr NY	72	71
Barnett Banks	46	45
Bausch & Lomb	41	41
Baxter Intl	26	26
Becton Dicknsn	38	39
Bell Atlantic	56	56
BellSouth	61	62
Black & Decker	19	18
Block (H&R)	44	43
Boeing	48	48
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	12	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	53	55
Browning Ferris	31	30
Brunswick	23	23
Burlington Nthn	57	53
CBS	265	270
CNA Financial	64	64
CPC Intl	49	50
CSX	76	76
Campbell Soup	37	37
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	72	72
Cptl Holdings	29	29
Carolina Pwr	24	24
Caterpillar	106	105
Central & SW	21	22
Champion Intl	32	33
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	45	45
Chrysler	47	46
Chubb Corp	81	81
Cigna Corp	69	69
Citicorp	41	40
Clorox	51	51
Coastal Corp	29	29
Coca Cola	39	40
Colgate-Palmolive	56	57
Columbia Gas	29	29
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	34	35
Comp Ass Int	39	40
Conagra	29	30
Cons Edison	28	28
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cons Rail	55	54
Cooper Inds	36	36
Corning Inc	31	31
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	54	57
Dayton Hudson	78	78
Deere	73	73
Delta Air Lines	45	45
Deluxe Corp	27	28
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	20	19
Dillard Dept St	30	30
Disney (Walt)	43	44
Dominion Res	39	39
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	54	54
Dow Chemical	69	68
Dow Jones	33	34
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	36	36
Dun & Brdstreet	57	57
Du Pont	61	60
Eastman Kodak	46	46
Eaton Corp	52	52
Emerson Elec	59	59
Engelhard Corp	26	27
Enron Corp	31	31
Entergy	32	32
Ethyl Corp	12	12
Exxon	62	62
FMC Corp	49	48
FPL Group	31	31
Federal Express	76	75
Fed Nat Mtge	87	87
First Chicago	53	53
First Interstate	79	80
First Union Rlty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	40	39
Fluor Corp	51	51
Ford Motor	58	57
GTE Corp	31	32
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	40	40
Gen Dynamics	43	43
Gen Electric	48	47
Gen Mills	55	55
Gen Motors	51	51
Gen Reinsurance	119	119
Gen Signal	32	32
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	64	63
Gillette	67	68
Glaxo ADR	16	17
Goodrich (BF)	45	45
Goodyear Tire	38	37
Grace (W&R)	41	41
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	19	18
Halliburton	32	32
Harcourt General	39	38
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	109	109
Hershey Foods	43	43
Hewlett Packard	78	77
Hilton Hotels	50	50
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	31	31
Household Intl	34	35
Houston Inds	33	33
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	83	83
Illinois Tool	40	40
INCO	26	26
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	35	35
Intel Corp	59	59
IBM	62	62
Intl Flav & Fr	39	39
Intl Paper	71	70
James River Va	16	16
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	43
Kellogg	53	54
Kerr-McGee	46	45
Kimberly-Clark	55	55
Kmart	15	15
Knight-Ridder	56	56
Lilly (Eli)	57	57
Limited Inc	17	17
LIN Brdcstng	119	119
Lincoln Nat	41	42
Litton	31	31
Liz Claiborne	21	21
Lockheed	65	65
Louisiana Pac	33	33
MCI Comm	24	24
Marriott Int	27	27
Marsh & McLnn	83	83
Masco Corp	30	29
May Dept St	39	38
Maytag Corp	17	17
McCaw Cellular	52	52
McDonalds	59	60
McDonnell D	121	122
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	83	83
Mellon Bk	60	60
Melville Corp	39	40
Merck Inc	31	31
Merrill Lynch	39	39
Minnesota Mine	51	51
Mobil Corp	82	82
Monsanto	79	79
Morgan (JP)	65	65
Motorola Inc	46	46
Natl Medical	16	16
Natl Semi	20	19
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	15	15
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	24	26
Newmont Mng	39	39
Niag Mohawk	16	16
Nike B	59	59
NL Industries	8	8
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	42	42
Norfolk Sthrn	65	64
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	27	27
Nynex Corp	38	38
Occidental Pet	19	18
Ohio Edison	17	16
Oracle Systems	36	36
Oryx Energy Co	15	15
Owens Corning	32	32
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	38	37
Paccar Inc	46	46
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	20	20
Pac Gas & Elect	23	23
Pac Telesis	30	30
Pall Corp	15	15
Panhandle East	20	20
Parker Hannifin	41	41
Peco Energy	27	27
Penney (JC)	50	50
Pennzoil	50	50
Pepsico	31	31
Pfizer	63	63
Phelps Dodge	59	58
Philip Morris	50	50
Phillips Pet	32	32
Pitney Bowes	39	39
Polaroid	34	34
PriceCostco	15	15
Procter & Gmbl	55	56
Pub Serv E & G	26	26
Quaker Oats	70	70
Ralston Purina	33	34
Raychem Corp	36	37
Raytheon	65	65
Reebok Intl	32	32
Reynolds Metals	49	49
Roadway Srvs	69	69
Rockwell Intl	38	38
Rohm & Haas	63	63
Royal Dutch	107	107
Rubbermaid	27	27
Safeco Corp	58	58
St Paul's Cos	39	40
Salomon Inc	50	50
Santa Fe Pac	22	22
Sara Lee Corp	22	22
Scecorp	13	13
Schering Plough	64	64
Schlumberger	56	56
Scott Paper	50	49
Seagram	31	31
Sears Roebuck	49	50
Shell Trans	63	64
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	19	17
Snap-On-Tools	37	37
Southern Co	19	19
Sthwestern Bell	43	43
Sprint Corp	39	39
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	20	20
Suntrust	49	49
Supervalu	32	31
Syntex Corp	22	22
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	65	65
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	36	36
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	17	17
Temple Inland	49	48
Tenneco	48	48
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	77	77
Texas Utilities	32	32
Textron	54	54
Time Warner	37	38
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	33	33
Torchmark	41	41
Toys R Us	35	35
Transamerica	54	54
Travelers	33	33
Tribune	57	57
Tyco Labs	47	47
UST Inc	27	27
UAL Corp	119	118
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	103	102
Union Camp	48	47
Union Carbide	27	27
Union Pacific	57	57
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAir Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	37	37
US West	41	41
United Tech	66	66
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	32	31
VF Corp	48	49
WMX Tech	27	27
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	70	69
Wells Fargo	158	158
Westinghouse El	12	12
Weyerhaeuser	42	42
Whirlpool	55	56
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	44	44
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	50
Xerox	103	102

ANTHONY HARRIS



Long memories of suspicious market-makers

There was something suggestive about the markets yesterday. We had a bad election result for the Government, but not as bad as the pollsters and the markets had expected, and inflation figures that were downright good, showing manufacturers absorbing rising input prices.

In Germany, we had an excellent poll result for Chancellor Kohl, but worse than expected inflation figures. Result: bonds fell everywhere, and the mark went up. This pattern suggests that sterling markets no longer get the benefit of any doubt at all; and at a time when sterling is sustained purely by hot money, that is sinister.

Of course, if you follow the gloomier gurus, this is no more than commonsense. Bill Martin, of UBS, has been sounding the alarm for sterling for months; the consensus (and Treasury) forecasts for the balance of payments speak of a current account deficit that is stuck at its present forbidding level, in spite of fiscal deflation at *home and rising demand in* our nearest export markets.

This implies an economy so hollowed out by two deep recessions that it can no longer respond to stimuli — not leaner and fitter, but like the ass in the story, which had no sooner grown accustomed to no hay at all than it dropped dead.

Is it really as bad as that? It may seem so to life subscribers to the Wynne Godley thesis of endless decline, or those who never lift their heads out of the history books. However, it is nothing like the economy shown in rising industrial output, or the one you can see simply by travelling north of London. What is more, as Geoffrey Dicks, of NatWest, shows in another illuminating circular, the forecasts don't add up. (Boosting Dicks again, after only a few weeks, as his rivals may mutter? I must write as I find, especially when it is robust sense coming from the London Business School, of all places).

The Dicks critique rests on the flow of funds, which is the economist's nonsense-detector. It is little more than double-entry book-keeping. The financial surpluses and deficits of the public, private and overseas sectors add up, by definition, to zero; and the overseas sector surplus is identical with the current account deficit. (If you prefer algebra, Gb + Pb + Fb = 0, and Fb - Cd = 0.)

Apply these simple identities, and you find that the gloomy current account forecasts (Fb is unchanged) mean that the whole fiscal squeeze is offset by a fall in private sector saving. As long as consumers are debt-scared and the housing market is flat, this implies a huge boom in corporate capital formation.

Nothing is impossible, but such a thing has never happened before, and the only reason to expect it this time is a belief that there is no spare capacity in industry (not even by working night shifts). You have to be pretty sunk in gloom to believe such stuff.

What is more, as Dicks shows, there is no need to follow the example of Alice in Wonderland, and believe three impossible things before breakfast, to generate a quite plausible picture of a vanishing foreign deficit. All that it required is that domestic demand should grow one per cent slower than output for three years. More than a year ago, Norman Lamont laid down a Budget strategy that should do the trick, thanks to two "disasters": White Wednesday, which gave us a competitive exchange rate, and the recent bear market in gilts, which has killed the housing recovery, and will thus restrain consumer spending.

All that is needed for a structural recovery, then, is the discipline of the global markets, coupled to a responsible fiscal policy: and all this is now in place. But there is one Edward Heath-shaped cloud on this horizon. It could all be blown away by an election boom: and already we hear talk of tax cuts, deficit or no deficit.

Nothing is more dangerous than a cornered Tory Government; it is small wonder that the market, with memories of Maudling, Heath and Lawson is suspicious. But this suspicion should be our salvation. In a global market, the time lag between a seriously irresponsible boost and a runaway sterling crisis would be about ten seconds. It can't be done.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	1.99
Austria Sch	18.63	17.13
Belgium Fr	54.83	50.43
Canada $	2.192	2.032
Cyprus Cyp£	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.40	9.60
Finland Mkk	8.98	8.18
France Fr	8.99	8.29
Germany Dm	2.66	2.45
Greece Dr	393.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	12.35	11.35
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2515.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	172.00	155.00
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlds Gld	2.983	2.733
Norway Kr	11.45	10.65
Portugal Esc	272.00	253.50
S Africa Rd		5.47
Spain Pta	213.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.42	11.62
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.08
Turkey Lira	refer	46048.0
USA $	1.610	1.480

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

Aero Hamble (120)	122	-1
Amey (161)	163	...
Argent (255)	266	...
Automotive Precs (100)	108	..
Brewin Dolphin (150)	152	-2
CAMAS	76	-1
CLS	107	...
Cassell (145)	157	+2
Chime Communications	35½	-½
DCC (Ir250)	228	...
Denby (130)	135	..
Fleming Indian	92	...
Flmg Indian Wts	48	...
Govett Gbl Sl Wts	33½	-1½
Healthcall (105)	95	...
Intermediate (225)	232	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	77	...
Kays Food (5)	5½	...
Lombard Ins (160)	161	...
London Clubs (200)	228	+3
Nightfreight (105)	105	...
Norcor (120)	129	+1
Redrow	120	...
Scudder Latin Amer	91	...
Scudder Latin Amer Wts	44	...
Spargo Cons (95)	113	+2
Speciality Shops	130	-1
TR Euro Gwth C	98	...
TR Property Inv Tst C (100)	92½	...
UPF (108)	119	...
Vymura (150)	163	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Blagden Inds n/p (105)	20	...
Corp Services n/p (52)	2	-½
Dixon Motors n/p (180)	3	-3
Eurotunnel n/p (265)	34	-12
Headlam n/p (185)	8	..
Higgs & Hill n/p (105)	1½	+½
Jarvis Porter n/p (230)	22	...
McAlpine (Alfred) n/p (205)	14	...
Standard Platform n/p (5)	9	+1½
Unit n/p (24)	12	...
Wassall n/p (250)	29	-6

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Dart	169p (+12p)
Booth Inds	54p (+10p)
Securicor 'A'	890p (+16p)

FALLS:

SG Warburg	729p (-11p)
RMC Group	869p (-21p)
Zeneca	694p (-12p)
ICI	799p (-13p)
Sothebys	830p (-10p)
Unigate	362p (-10p)
TI	360p (-13p)
Unidare	335p (-10p)
General Accident	543p (-16p)
AAH	455p (-13p)
Bowater	424p (-13p)
A Cohen	520p (-25p)
De La Rue	873p (-14p)
Glaxo	549½p (-11p)
Reuters	467p (-15p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,800	Caradon	1,100	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Sears	6,900
Abbey Natl	2,100	Carlton Cms	756	MEPC	735	Svrn Trent	1,400
Alld-Lyons	896	Coats Vyla	1,600	Marks Spr	4,000	Shell Trans	3,700
Argyll Gp	2,500	Cm Union	2,500	NFC	2,300	Siebe	956
Arjo Wiggn	1,700	Courtaulds	422	NatWst Bk	3,100	SmKl Bch	4,000
AB Foods	149	De La Rue	212	Nat Power	1,900	Smith Nph	3,000
BAA	682	Eastern Elec	304	Nth Wst W	1,600	Sthrn Elec	1,400
BAT Inds	1,700	Enterpr Oil	1,400	P & O	995	Std Chartd	17,000
BOC	645	Forte	2,200	Pearson	288	Sun Allnce	3,000
BP	5,700	GRE	3,500	PowerGen	2,700	TI Gp	684
BTR	3,300	GUS	1,400	Prudential	5,000	TSB	2,600
BT	5,900	Gen Acc	1,200	RMC	344	Tarmac	1,700
Bk of Scot	2,100	Gen Elec	5,300	RTZ	3,400	Tesco	6,200
Barclays	4,700	Glaxo	2,700	Rank Org	991	Thames W	1,600
Bass	1,700	Granada	2,200	Reckitt Col	878	Thrn EMI	1,000
Blue Circle	1,800	Grand Met	2,400	Redland	985	Tomkins	2,200
Boots	1,400	Guinness	2,600	Reed Intl	298	Unilever	1,200
Bowater	932	HSBC	2,100	Rentokil	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,100
Brit Aero	486	Hanson	8,400	Reuters	2,400	Vodafone	1,700
Brit Airways	2,200	ICI	1,000	Rolls Royce	10,000	Warburg (SG)	514
Brit Gas	6,900	Inchcape	930	Ryl Ins	875	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Steel	3,700	Kingfisher	909	Ryl Bk Scot	630	Whitbread	492
Burmah Cast	421	Ladbroke	5,500	Sainsbury	3,100	Wlms Hld	1,500
Cable Wire	2,700	Land Secs	612	Scot & New	474	Wolseley	559
Cadbury	1,600	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Power	1,100	Zeneca	455

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3782.17 (+8.72)
S&P Composite .... 458.92 (-0.25)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 21552.81 (+157.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... Closed

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 401.69 (-5.02)

Sydney: AO .... Closed

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2105.78 (-27.30)

FT 30 share: .... 2385.5 (-33.8)

Brussels:
General .... 7617.91 (-7.81)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 1977.66 (-43.06)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 684.80 (-4.30)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1519.65 (-15.36)
FT Non Financials .... 1644.04 (-16.69)
FT Gold Mines .... 220.6 (-2.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.39 (-0.88)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.98 (-0.94)
Bargains 22939
SEAQ Volume 483.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.69 (-0.46)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 13	June 24	Sept 15	Sept 26

Call options were taken out on 13/6/94: Aminex, Crossroads Oil, Helene, Radius, Tadpole Technology, Tullow Oil, Verson Ind.
Puts: Aminex, Dixons, Helene, Tullow Oil.
Puts & Call: *Greenwich Res, Helene, Verson Intl.*

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3043.0	3045.0	2991.5	3011.0	18030
Previous open interest: 61302	Sep 94	3052.0	3054.0	3006.0	3023.5	4054
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.80	94.84	94.80	94.82	6050
Previous open interest: 531447	Sep 94	94.41	94.41	94.30	94.30	13546
	Dec 94	93.77	93.77	93.66	93.67	20054
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.42	95.43	95.42	95.44	206
Previous open interest: 11283	Sep 94	94.81	94.83	94.81	94.82	161
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.94	95.00	94.94	95.00	14899
Previous open interest: 978823	Sep 94	95.04	95.06	95.01	95.02	45219
Long Gilt	Jun 94	102-20	102-20	101-08	101-15	773
Previous open interest: 129164	Sep 94	101-11	101-15	99-28	100-06	67478
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	109.90	109.98	109.75	109.90	1976
	Dec 94				109.10	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 94	93.45	93.49	92.21	92.25	147354
Previous open interest: 130896	Dec 94	91.78				0
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 94				97.80	0
Previous open interest: 76	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.07	94.08	94.06	94.13	1182
Previous open interest: 30271	Sep 94	94.30	94.20	94.16	94.17	2506
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	95.72	95.75	95.69	95.69	961
Previous open interest: 59551	Sep 94	95.72	95.72	95.45	95.49	10430
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 94	108.20	108.20	106.05	106.15	51953
Previous open interest: 58269	Dec 94				105.10	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.4 (day's range 80.3-80.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8030-2.8136	2.8030-2.8065	par-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Brussels	51.51-51.70	51.52-51.63	1-4ds	1-6ds
Copenhagen	9.7870-9.8100	9.7870-9.8020	¼-1¼ds	1½-2¼ds
Dublin	1.0240-1.0280	1.0246-1.0275	2-5ds	11-16ds
Frankfurt	2.5019-2.5101	2.5039-2.5072	par-⅛ds	⅛pr-par
Lisbon	261.00-262.26	261.37-262.00	410-541ds	550-624ds
Madrid	205.40-206.06	205.44-205.77	43-51ds	128-148ds
Milan	2416.80-2425.00	2421.00-2425.00	5-6ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.0838-2.1015	2.0985-2.1015	0.08-0.17ds	0.34-0.36ds
New York	1.5120-1.5206	1.5196-1.5206	0.09-0.07pr	0.22-0.19pr
Oslo	10.8480-10.8740	10.8480-10.8640	¼-⅞ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Paris	8.5260-8.5560	8.5340-8.5480	¼-⅞ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Stockholm	11.8950-12.0060	11.9620-12.0060	1½-2⅛ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Tokyo	156.32-156.87	156.60-156.87	½-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.59-17.68	17.62-17.66	⅞-⅞ds	1½-1⅛pr
Zurich	2.1092-2.1228	2.1092-2.1122	⅛pr-par	½-⅛pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5122-1.5148
Australia dollar	2.0593-2.0613
Bahrain dinar	0.5635-0.5755
Brazil cruzeiro *	2891.46-2894.59
Cyprus pound	0.7475-0.7575
Finland markka	8.2495-8.3655
Greece drachma	374.75-381.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.7115-11.7279
India rupee	46.95-47.91
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.9262-3.9290
Mexico peso	4.99-5.09
New Zealand dollar	2.5694-2.5733
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6045-5.7305
Singapore dollar	2.3199-2.3214
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2494-7.2998
S Africa rand (com)	5.4913-5.4996
U A E dirham	5.488-5.612

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3590-1.3599
Austria	11.624-11.629
Belgium (Com)	34.015-34.025
Canada	1.3809-1.3814
Denmark	6.4672-6.4692
France	5.6380-5.6390
Germany	1.6529-1.6534
Hong Kong	7.7366-7.7376
Ireland	1.4729-1.4759
Italy	1596.5-1597.0
Japan	103.25-103.30
Malaysia	2.5912-2.5922
Netherlands	1.8524-1.8534
Norway	7.1666-7.1686
Portugal	172.40-172.60
Singapore	1.5313-1.5318
Spain	135.40-135.52
Sweden	7.8965-7.9040
Switzerland	1.3985-1.3995

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼. Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4½ Low 3½ Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞ ; 3 mth 4¾. Sell: 2 mth 4 11/16 ; 3 mth: 4 23/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4 23/32-4 21/32	4¾-4 11/16	4 11/16-4⅝	5-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank	4⅞-4 11/16	5 1/32-4 11/16	5⅛-5 1/32	5½-5 7/16	6 1/16-5 15/16
Overnight: open 4⅝, close 3¼.				5½-5⅜	6 1/16-5 15/16
Local Authority Deps:	4⅞	n/a	5⅛	5⅝	5 15/16
Sterling CDs:	4⅞-4 11/16	5-4 11/16	5 1/16-4⅞	5 7/16-5⅜	5 15/16-5 27/32
Dollar CDs:	4.26	n/a	4.50	4.80	5.38
Building Society CDs:	4⅞-4 11/16	5 1/32-4 11/16	5⅛-5	5½-5 7/16	6-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1994 Agreed rates June 26, 1994 to July 25, 1994. Scheme III: 6.47 %. Reference rate April 30, 1994 to May 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.222 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅛-3 15/16	4⅜-4 5/16	4⅝-4½	4⅞-4¾	4⅛-3⅞
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4⅞	5 1/16-4 15/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5 7/16	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4 1/16	4⅛-4 1/16	4⅛-4 1/16	4⅛-4 1/16	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-1⅞	2 3/16-1 15/16	2 5/16-2 3/16	2⅜-2¼	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.70 Close: $382.40-382.90 High: $383.30-383.80 Low: $381.30-381.80 **Krugerrand:** $385.00-387.00 (£253.00-255.00)
Sovereigns: Old $89.50-91.50 (£58.75-60.75) New $89.50-91.50 (£58.75-60.75)
Platinum: $399.00 (£263.55) **Silver:** $5.35 (£3.515) **Palladium:** $137.00 (£90.50)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	540	36	51	—	8	16	—
(*565)	589	11	26	—	32	41	—
Argyll	240	9	18	23	12	17	22
(*245)	260	3	11	15	27	30	35
ASDA	50	6	9	11	1	4	4
(*56)	60	2	4	6	6	9	10
Boots	500	41	53	61	5	13	19
(*531)	550	10	25	34	27	35	42
Br Airways	360	31	41	46	6	14	19
(*389)	390	12	24	30	20	28	33
BP	390	16	28	34	12	21	26
(*391)	420	5	15	22	32	39	44
Br Steel	130	10	15	19	5	9	10
(*136)	140	5	10	13	10	13	15
C & W	425	21	—	—	14	—	—
(*436)	450	9	—	—	28	—	—
CU	500	27	25	44	14	25	31
(*510)	550	6	14	22	46	58	60
ICI	750	61	73	87	8	22	30
(*798)	800	20	43	58	24	44	54
Kingfishr	500	32	44	56	10	23	30
(*517)	550	9	26	33	40	47	57
Land Sec	600	36	51	58	5	13	17
(*627)	650	9	24	30	29	36	41
M & S	390	27	38	44	4	10	14
(*409)	420	9	21	28	19	23	28
Nat West	420	40	52	61	4	11	15
(*459)	460	19	27	38	16	28	33
Sainsbury	360	35	45	51	5	12	19
(*386)	390	14	27	34	15	25	31
Shell	700	22	36	45	16	29	35
(*703)	750	4	15	23	49	62	66
Smkl Bch	390	21	33	40	11	22	30
(*397)	420	7	19	27	29	40	47
Storehse	200	17	22	26	4	8	12
(*213)	220	5	12	16	15	19	23
Trafalgar	79	11	—	—	2	—	—
(*56)	86	5	—	—	6	—	—
Unilever	1000	29	55	70	24	35	43
(*1000)	1050	9	31	47	58	65	71
Zeneca	650	55	67	77	5	17	24
(*694)	700	21	36	48	22	39	46
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	34	46	51	7	14	20
(*417)	420	15	29	35	21	28	34
Ladbroke	160	12	16	22	9	13	15
(*160)	180	5	11	14	23	27	29
Utd Bisc	300	25	37	40	5	12	16
(*316)	330	11	21	25	19	29	31

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	900	43	64	76	15	27	36
(*934)	950	16	38	50	43	54	62
Thames W	460	23	32	35	13	23	30
(*480)	500	5	15	18	42	47	54
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	390	34	46	54	9	15	18
(*419)	420	19	28	37	23	30	35
BTR	360	19	26	35	11	19	23
(*367)	390	6	14	22	29	37	40
Br Aero	420	53	70	81	11	27	34
(*457)	460	29	49	62	28	45	54
Br Telecm	360	18	25	28	13	19	25
(*370)	390	5	12	16	34	38	44
Cadbury	420	35	44	51	5	13	16
(*445)	460	12	23	30	24	33	37
Guinness	460	24	35	44	10	19	23
(*470)	500	6	16	24	34	42	47
GEC	300	9	16	20	15	19	23
(*301)	330	2	6	9	40	41	42
Hanson	240	17	22	25	4	8	13
(*250)	260	6	12	15	14	19	22
LASMO	134	20	24	—	4	8	—
(*147)	154	7	12	—	14	17	—
Lucas	180	14	21	24	7	14	17
(*184)	200	5	12	15	19	27	29
Pilkingtn	160	20	27	29	4	7	11
(*177)	180	8	16	16	14	17	21
Prudential	280	25	31	36	5	12	14
(*297)	300	12	20	26	13	22	24
Redland	500	25	39	47	19	33	38
(*500)	550	7	19	26	54	67	71
Royal Ins	240	22	29	35	7	16	16
(*251)	260	11	19	25	17	26	27
Tesco	220	14	21	24	8	14	17
(*224)	240	5	12	16	19	26	29
Vodafone	500	26	45	53	20	32	41
(*507)	550	7	24	32	55	63	70
Williams	325	35	41	—	3	9	—
(*353)	354	15	24	—	14	22	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3016)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Jun	117	70	30	8	1	1
Jul	140	103	73	49	29	17
Aug	168	132	103	76	56	40
Sep	198	154	124	96	75	56
Dec	231	—	173	—	125	—
Puts						
Jun	2	7	18	51	97	147
Jul	26	39	58	84	117	157
Aug	49	63	84	108	138	172
Sep	65	82	102	126	155	187
Dec	104	—	144	—	194	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	420	9	27	36	2	13	22
(*426)	460	1	10	19	26	43	48
Amstrad	30	3	5	6	1	3	4
(*32)	33	1	3	4	4	5	7
Barclays	500	51	61	72	1	11	16
(*548)	550	5	29	43	6	21	37
Blue Circ	280	7	24	30	2	14	20
(*287)	300	1	14	21	17	26	31
Br Gas	280	11	23	27	1	9	16
(*286)	300	1	12	15	13	20	28
Dixons	180	9	17	22	1	12	15
(*187)	200	1	9	14	15	25	27
Forte	220	15	26	29	1	5	12
(*235)	240	1	15	15	9	17	22
Hillsdwn	160	7	10	20	2	7	9
(*166)	180	1	7	11	15	19	21
Lonrho	130	3	13	17	2	12	14
(*131)	140	1	8	13	10	18	20
Sears	120	3	9	12	2	7	9
(*121)	130	1	5	7	10	13	15
Thrn Emi	1050	40	71	94	1	47	63
(*1089)	1100	6	46	69	19	75	90
Tomkins	220	3	14	19	3	14	15
(*220)	240	1	6	11	21	29	31
TSB	220	3	14	20	3	15	18
(*224)	240	1	6	12	22	28	31
Wellcome	550	42	65	77	1	27	30
(*598)	600	3	36	51	15	44	55
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo	550	27	44	53	22	46	54
(*551)	600	9	23	33	56	80	87
HSBC	650	61	83	98	16	38	47
(*691)	700	32	57	74	37	61	73
Reuter	462	23	35	—	16	27	—
(*467)	475	16	29	—	22	32	—
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
R-Royce	180	20	27	30	5	10	13
(*193)	200	5	16	20	14	20	25
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Fisons	140	9	18	22	1	9	13
(*147)	160	1	9	13	14	21	25
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastrn Elc	600	32	47	59	26	34	48
(*614)	650	11	26	36	61	70	77
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	420	16	36	44	1	17	22
(*435)	460	1	17	25	29	38	44
Scot Pwr	330	30	38	43	1	12	16
(*357)	360	4	19	20	5	20	29

June 13, 1994 Tot: 20984 Call: 7868 Put: 12316 FT-SE Call: 4410 Put: 6315
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Just when some were beginning to see the coffee rally running out of steam, prices surged on the back of a bullish USDA forecast for 1994/5 production. Output in the next coffee year was estimated at 90.6 mln bags, down 4% from a reviseed 94.2 mln bags last season. The most bullish aspect of the report was the 1994/5 estimate for Brazilian output at 23.5 mln bags.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	991-989	Sep	1096-1093
Sep	1014-1012	Dec	1109 SLR
Dec	1035-1033	Mar	1128-1120
Mar	1056-1054	May	1145-1118
May	1068-1066		
Jul	1080 BID		Volume 4644

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	2320-2317	Mar	2190-2189
Sep	2263-2250	May	unq
Nov	2246 BID	Jul	unq
Jan	2230 BID		Volume: 5715

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Mar	unq
Spot 304.60		May	...
Jul	12.74-12.85	Jul	...
Oct	12.65-12.75	Oct	...
Jan	unq		Volume 274

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	322.5-21.5
Spot 360.0		May	322.5-20.5
Aug	352.0-51.0	Aug	321.5-18.5
Oct	332.5-32.0	Oct	310.5-07.5
Dec	324.5-23.5		Volume: 746

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	83.02	113.61	127.32
(+/-)	-5.23	-4.76	-1.22
Eng/Wales:	82.94	113.72	127.06
(+/-)	-5.43	-4.75	-1.46
(%)	-14.8	-7.4	-30.5
Scotland:	85.31	110.66	131.28
(+/-)	-0.56	-5.49	+2.50
(%)	-15.9	-15.5	-51.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	...	...	Mar	...	...
Sep	...	...		Volume: ...	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	111.25
Sep	100.60
Nov	100.95
Jan	102.85
Mar	104.45
	Volume: 414

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	98.25
Nov	99.40
Jan	100.75
Mar	102.65
May	104.00
	Volume: 4

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	90.0
Apr	140.0	147.0
Mar	unq	140.0
		Volume: 191

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jul 77.75-78.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market made a slow start to the week by giving up some of last week's gains.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.25	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	16.35	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.25	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.40	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	17.90	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	182 (n/c)	184 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+1)	147 (+1)
Non EEC IH Jul	149 (n/c)	150 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Aug	151 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (-2)	82 (-2)
Naphtha	155 (n/c)	157 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jul	148.75-49.00	Oct	155.50-55.75
Aug	150.75-51.00	Nov	157.50-57.75
Sep	152.75-53.00	Dec	159.25-59.50
			Vol: 6913

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	16.36-16.37	Oct	16.07-16.10
Aug	16.24-16.25	Nov	16.05-16.08
Sep	16.13 BID		Vol: 26742

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	168.00-76.50	Sep	unq
Jul	unq	Oct	...
Aug	...		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 94	1280	1279	1275
Jul 94	1185	1180	1183
Aug 94	1195	1189	1193
Oct 94	unq	unq	1279

Vol: 70 lots. Open int'st: 2430 Index 1336 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2405.0-2405.5	2418.0-2419.0	195280
Lead ($/tonne)	529.00-530.00	546.00-546.50	156500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	971.00-971.50	995.00-996.00	515275
Tin ($/tonne)	5640.0-5641.0	5720.0-5725.0	15735
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1403.0-1404.0	1432.0-1434.0	1761450
Nickel ($/tonne)	6415.0-6420.0	6535.0-6540.0	118626

Facing up to the harsh reality of job flexibility

As more companies switch to part-time work with government support, some employees risk increased insecurity, writes Philip Bassett

JOHN CHAPMAN



Pizza workers are among those who are exposed to the tough conditions of a flexible labour market

On a rainy Saturday night in Newbury, Berkshire, at a corner table in the Pizza Hut on the high street, the assistant manageress and her assistant are working out the part-time work rota for the next week. "Let's change Angela to a night shift," she says. "But if you do that it means you'll only work her for four hours," her assistant replies. "We can't afford that."

More head-scratching and pencil-erasing on the work sheet follows. The manageress, in her early twenties; and her assistant, in his late teens, try to balance the competing demands of the budget for staff with the hours the restaurant has to cover. Eventually, a formula is found. The waitresses and cooks approach the table. A young girl of about 17 asks timidly: "When can I work next week?" "7-10 Friday, 6-11 Saturday," is the answer.

This is the harsh reality of the Government's flexible labour market. Far from the economic rubric of last week's report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on jobs, and the soothing words about economic performance that will accompany what ministers hope will be a further fall in unemployment this week, for an increasing number of people — pizza bakers, hamburger flippers — this is what work is starting to be like: grateful for a job, labour chopped and changed at will to fit into the flexible demands of a production schedule.

But if it is rough for the 17-year-olds having to appeal for work, it is rough too on those — often only a few years older, often only a short step away from doing the appealing themselves — who are taking the first steps on the management ladder and meeting an equally hard reality: making such flexibility work in practice.

The Government this week publishes its Labour Force Survey (LFS). In a blizzard of jobs figures to be announced tomorrow, it will paint the latest picture of how fast part-time rather than full-time jobs have been growing over the past year as unemployment has fallen.

Fashion is never far from employee relations, and unquestionably the new flexibility, and in particular part-time working, is at the leading edge of how to handle people. In part, it is driven by economic circumstance: companies still feeling the rough edge of recession are prepared to take only nervous, tentative steps towards expansion — and that means the limited employer commitment of part-time rather than full-time jobs.

But in line with other aspects of the labour market, the rise in part-time working is far from homogenous. As well as being sectorally and occupationally variegated, part-time work is highly structured by age, as fewer and more flexible hours fit into different stages of people's lives.

Part-time work is still heavily concentrated among women, with male part-timers only nudging numerically ahead in the 65-plus age band. But the pattern of part-time working across age groups, as shown in the chart — based on unpublished LFS figures — is markedly different for men and women. Part-time working among men is concentrated among teenagers, rising again only towards the end of *men's working lives.* For women, by contrast, the pattern is almost entirely the opposite: less part-time work at the younger and older ends of the age range, but peaking consistently between 30 and 50, most probably because the demands — still largely borne by women — of bringing up children are then easing.

Computer analysis by *The Times* of the changes in part-time working in the past year shows some startling movements, including a 50 per cent rise among male part-timers in their late 40s, reflecting the difficulty many men of that age have finding full-time work, and a rise of 17 per cent in the number of women over 60 working part-time.

Such complex working patterns form the backdrop for the real difficulties companies face when they take the fashionable option of moving to or increasing part-time working. Many underestimate the administrative costs and management time involved in running a part-time workforce.

"Having part-time staff is more costly than having full-time staff — the administration involved is absolutely huge," says Wendy Richards, employee-relations manager at Marks and Spencer, where part-timers form up to 80 per cent of the workforce. M&S is the blue-chip operator of part-time working. With 40 years experience of handling part-timers, the company has a constant stream of organisations coming to see how it is done, many of them from the public sector, including the police.

Flexibility is the key for M&S in using part-timers — the ability to match staff to peaks and troughs in demand. Each M&S store has detailed plans of when business is at its highest — lunchtimes, some evenings, Saturdays, depending on the individual store — and tailors its part-time workforce to fit.

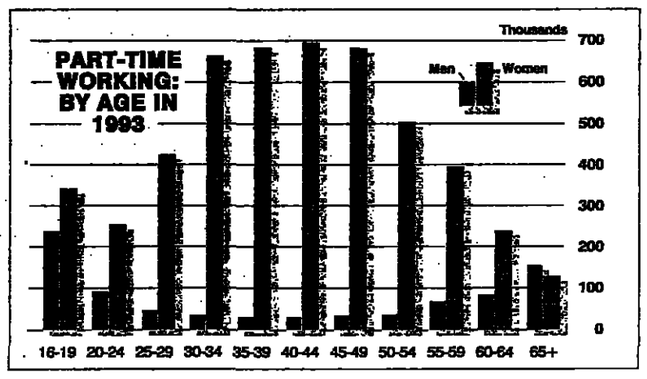
"We staff our stores by the hour by the day," says Mrs Richards. An average opening-time spread of about 70 hours every week — more when Sunday trading is legalised and M&S drops its principled opposition to opening on Sundays — needs a great number of part-time staff and close management of what the company acknowledges is, in effect, a complex system of job-sharing. While M&S believes it runs its part-time management systems well, it is constantly looking for improvement. It is now, for instance, computerising, store by store, its time scheduling of staff hours and business flows.

Pay and conditions for part-timers are on a straight pro-rata basis with full-time employees, and the company will have no truck with some of the extremes, such as zero-hours working, favoured by other retailers, where staff are guaranteed no hours at all, but simply wait at the end of a phone to be told when they are needed. Indeed, unlike the teengers in Pizza Hut, who find out on a Saturday when they are working the next week, M&S tries to give part-timers a full week's notice if it wants them to work extra hours.

Indeed, M&S wants to go further. Its management believes many of its stores are using too many part-timers. Aware of the impact of staff on customers, and of the need for training even part-timers and keeping its Saturday-only staff down to a minimum, the company wants to aim at an average part-time staffing component of about 70 per cent, up to 10 points less than it is at present.

This commercial realisation that there is more to handling people, and dealing with customers, than the flexibility part-time work offers, runs counter to the Government's claims that an ever-more flexible labour market is the only route for Britain. Companies such as M&S, with long-term experience of flexible working, believe part-time work — when handled correctly — suits them. But they are sceptical about its value to companies now piling into it as the latest fashion.

For those fortunate enough to work for employers that handle part-time working well, labour flexibility can be as attractive as the Government claims, with advantages for both parties. For those exhausted after dishing up pizzas all day, waiting to be told when they can work next week, the attractions of the flexible labour market are that much harder to appreciate.



TEMPUS

The acid test

ORGANIC investment may not comand headlines as large as a hostile bid does, but the scale of ICI's plans to build a pure terephthalic acid plant in Pakistan and double the size of its existing Taiwan plant compares favourably with a sizeable acquisition. ICI is likely to spend up to £350 million on the projects, a fair chunk of the dowry it received from last year's demerger and Zeneca's rights issue.

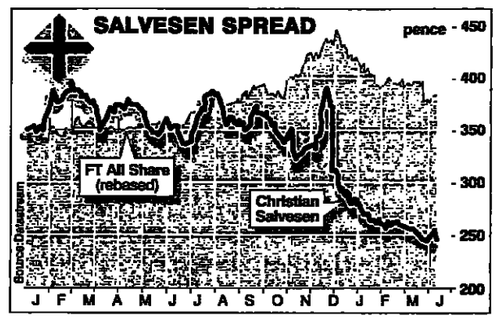
Unlike an acquisition, however, ICI is not venturing into the unknown. The success of its Taiwan plant, which is bursting at the seams, proves that the growth of PTA demand in Asia is outstripping the most optimistic forecasts. If the projects go ahead, ICI should be generating sales of £600 million a year from the two plants before the end of the decade, and profits of more than £75 million. In fact, ICI has little option but to build more capacity quickly. If it holds back, there are plenty of other chemical companies who would be eager to fill the gap in the market.

Ronnie Hampel's determination to expand ICI organically is likely to find favour among institutional investors. They have grown tired with the hit and miss success of overseas acquisitions in the 1980s and are far more likely to back a business that is investing into markets it knows intimately. Not that ICI needs too much backing: with gearing still in single figures, the company has the capability to pepper Asia with PTA plants before it stretches its balance sheet. ICI's shares have been largely shielded from the recent stock market downturn and are still comfortably above 800p. There they will stay if Mr Hampel continues to deliver what the institutions want to see.

Christian Salvesen

CHRISTIAN Salvesen is a company with an identity crisis. On one side it wants to be an international leader in distribution services, one of the fastest growing service industries in the developed world. On the other, it is a specialist plant hire group, with its Aggreko power supply subsidiary providing generators to such noteworthy events as the World Cup. Finally, it has a tail of smaller and less fashionable interests, including vegetable processing and brick manufacturing, which it always seems keen to ignore.

Such a spread of unrelated activities forces Salvesen's management into a juggling act, and last year it dropped some of the balls. While it was busy building its distribution business by acquisition, Aggreko misread its market in America and suffered a slump in profits. Even distribution profits were only marginally ahead, once the contribution from the Swift acquisition is stripped out. Salvesen is resolving some of its difficulties with the sale of Vikoma, its anti-pollution subsidiary, and the brick business should follow as soon as a buyer emerges. But this will still leave the group with two completely unrelated activities, both hungry for investment. With gearing already at 50 per cent, Salvesen looks unable to fund the growth of both. Until Salvesen settles it priorities, investors are likely to prefer simpler businesses.



Amstrad

AFTER years of headlong decline, Alan Sugar is offering investors a sporting chance. Like all his best ventures, the acquisition of Viglen is fraught with risk. Amstrad is paying £30 million upfront for a company that only decided to enter the computer business six years ago. The electronics industry is littered with here today, gone tomorrow, operators as the meteoric rise and fall of Sir Clive Sinclair showed. Viglen's products are similar to dozens of others and the loyalty of its mail order customer base is non-existent.

And yet, Viglen has shown dynamic growth in the last three years and has been generating a 12.5 per cent pre-tax profit margin in one of the most ferociously competitive markets on earth. It has performed a great deal more creditably than Amstrad, which on the strength of yesterday's profit warning is heading for a loss in the year to June 30. If Viglen can offer more than hope, it could break Amstrad out of the downward spiral of falling margins and moribund products. That makes the group's shares, which still trade on a heavy discount to net assets, an interesting speculation.

Emap

THE first thing to note about the bid talks between the mighty Emap publishing combine and Trans World Communications, one-time owner of the ghastly Miss World competition and now a burgeoning local radio group, is that Emap is not yet obliged to buy the Owen Oyston stake that prompted them to start. That holding has been booted around between the two big players, Emap and the group owning *The Guardian*, for months, and the uncertainty has been capped by what is effectively the grant to Emap of an option to buy it.

If a bid materialises, Trans World shareholders will be left smiling. Emap's indicative offer price of 181p is a hefty near-30 times' this year's earnings, the sort of multiple that the TV companies were enjoying not so long ago. The bull market in local radio shares has taken the value of even the most mundane record show to rarified heights. For Emap, the deal would offer a one-off *entrée* into the fashionable and fast-growing commercial radio area, via one of the best-grounded operators in the country. Emap hopes that it can launch new radio stations with the same ease it has always created new magazine titles and provide a second base for future growth.

BUSINESS LETTERS

PIA 'monster' does not make best use of investors' money

From T. Y. Darling

Sir, It seems that we are about to be encumbered with a Personal Investment Authority, although whence this monster (called a "regulator") derives its authority is not clear; not from our elected representatives whose own committee appeared recently to have given it the thumbs down.

We do not have "authorities" regulating the way we buy, for example, houses, cars, holidays or alcohol, and, as for the wide range of financial transactions which we regard as personal investments, the PIA is to be concerned only with certain "products" sold by life assurance companies and unit trusts. The PIA is reported to have spent some £6 million before it has even reached the starting line; if it ever gets off its mark, it is expected to spend £19 million a year. That money can only come from investors in whose interest the monster is supposed to be created.

If potential investors see in a PIA a useful source of compensation whenever they have been misled by salesmen posing as "advisers", would it not be more cost-effective to spend some of the money on ensuring that people who hold themselves out to be financial advisers are properly qualified and clearly identifiable as such?

Yours truly,
T. Y. DARLING.
Drumearn,
16 Hermitage Drive,
Edinburgh.

Make it £10,000

From Mr Stanley J. Lerner

Sir, I have recently attended a number of liquidation meetings on behalf of clients and in a number of cases the paid-up share capital was the minimum £2: needless to say the creditors, certainly the unsecured, will receive nothing.

Would it not therefore be equitable for company law to insist that if shareholders/directors wish to obtain the protection of limited liability, it should be accompanied by the requirement that companies should be made to have paid-up capital in cash of, say, at least £10,000.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Nightingale flies back

REMEMBER Roger Nightingale? After braving the choppy City waters as an independent forecaster, the former Smith New Court chief economist is returning to the fold. Nightingale has joined WI Carr (Far East), based at Leadenhall Street, and will continue to run his research business under the Carr umbrella. "I took the view four years or so ago that it might be a bit of a wheeze to try the independent thing," says Nightingale, 49, who was settling in yesterday. "It was successful, but it seems people are still prepared to pay more via the broking route." Clients, in short, feel happier paying for research when offered as part of an all-in broking package. Nightingale was not alone in going solo. Stephen Lewis, the so-called "prophet of doom", left UBS Phillips & Drew, as it then was, to set up Fifth Horseman, and Tim Congdon, of Lombard Street Research, is now thriving as one of the Treasury's "Wise Men". Nightingale's valuable client list will, no doubt, provide Carr with one or two entrées in the UK and America.

NO MORE cash for the Tories from Allied-Lyons. The food and drink giant, once a big contributor, has said it will end regular political payments to the cause, as such donations are "inappropriate" for a company with a widening international spread.

Seat of power

NEED a few tips on exporting? Try Robert Thompson of Kilburn, North Yorkshire: maker of the renowned Mouseman range of furniture. Fresh from winning a £170,000 order to supply a church near Detroit, the company has been called in by the Foreign Office to make a chair for the parliamentary speaker of the South Pacific island nation of Tonga. No easy task, this. The average Tongan, I gather, weighs about 17 stone, and the Yorkshire craftsmen were obliged to make the ceremonial chair 4 in wider than usual — with a reinforced seat. The chair, carved from seasoned oak at a reputed cost of more than £6,000, has the company's trademark mouse crawling up one of the legs.

Jinks on the links

BRITISH executives who play a round of golf to break the ice with their American counterparts should beware, according to a survey of 401 wealthy business people in the US. It reveals that 55 per cent have cheated to win on the links, and that a quarter are willing to throw a game if they think it will improve business. The same survey reveals that half believe that a person's behaviour on the golf course mirrors how he or she behaves in business. Eighty per cent said golf leads to better business contacts and 35 per cent have struck some of their biggest deals on the greens.

Quiet role

NIGEL Douglas, operatic brother of Lord Kingsdown, former Bank of England Governor, is due to sing in the opening production of this year's Garsington Festival, which opens on Friday on the Oxfordshire estate of Robert Fleming director, Leonard Ingrams. Douglas — he dropped his Leigh-Pemberton surname in the interests of brevity — is to sing the smallish role of Monsieur Taupe, the prompter in Richard Strauss's *Capriccio*. The character only appears near the end of the opera having been asleep until then. His principal scene involves him screaming "Herr Direktor!" as he is worried about how to get home. Not all that different from the Bank of England, really.

JON ASHWORTH



GENTLY does it... Charles Leeming, senior partner of Wilde Sapte, the City law firm, was recovering yesterday from a double ordeal — supervising the move of 570 staff to its new London HQ and handling Charlie, a four-year-old Harris hawk, who will visit the firm's new offices near St Paul's once a week to scare away unwelcome visitors. The move to 1 Fleet Place, Ludgate, follows rapid expansion at Wilde Sapte, which has tripled in size in the past decade, opening offices in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Paris in the past year.

James Cropper PLC

PRELIMINARY PROFIT FIGURES

The following are the unaudited preliminary figures for the 53 weeks ended 2nd April 1994:

Group Profit and Loss Account	1994 £'000	1993 £'000
Turnover	45,726	40,302
Profit before taxation	2,562	1,247
Taxation	(995)	(476)
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,567	771
Dividend:		
Interim – 1.1p (1993 0.975p)	(91)	(80)
Proposed Final – 2.4p (1993 2.125p)	(198)	(175)
Amount set aside to reserves	1,278	516
Earnings per share of 25p	19.0p	9.4p

Summary:

- Best ever result in the history of the Company
- Turnover up by 13%
- Pre tax profit up 105%
- Dividend increased by 13%
- Borrowings reduced

The Group has increased profit before taxation by 105% to its highest ever level in the history of the Company.

The two principal reasons for the record profit are sales volume increases and lower interest charges.

The Group's strong cash flow has enabled it to make a further significant reduction in borrowings.

The improvement in the financial position of the Company over the past two years has enabled a major development project costing about £3.5 million for the Converting Division to be authorised.

The current year has started well with a full order book and sales above budget throughout the Group. Pulp prices are once again moving up rapidly and sales price increases are being implemented wherever possible to mitigate the effect.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Burneside Mills, Kendal, on Thursday 4th August 1994 at 10.30 a.m.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP							
522	391	Abbey Nat	427	+2		4.1	14.4
274	240	Allied Irish	248			5.1	9.5
239½	196	Aus New Z	198	-1		4.6	15.6
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3212½	-31¼			
319	246	Bk of Ireland	305†			4.7	∞
247	172	Bank Scotland	194½	-2½		3.4	15.1
640	467	Barclays	549	+3		3.4	22.7
	13½	Carlisle	30½				
625	515	Cater Allen	516		25.0	6.8	
160	132	Cattles	139	+1		4.5	14.2
2625	1543¾	Chase Manh	2625	+21¼			
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2700	+6¼			
285	209	Close Bros	239			3.5	12.4
£150¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£129¾	-178¾		2.9	
£344¼	£291¾	Deutsche Bk	£295¼	-43¼		2.0	
90	60	First Nat Fin	76			2.5	
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1500¼	+13		0.4	
515	395	Gerrard Nat	419†		22.0	6.6	12.1
1113	664	HSBC	691	-15		4.3	11.9
1133	697	HSBC HK	709	-18		4.1	12.2
475	293	Hambros	300	+3		6.5	10.2
445	400	Joseph (L)	405		16.7	5.2	
170	132	King Shaxson	149		9.0	7.0	
495	436	Kleinwort Ben	457			5.1	9.1
640	530	Lloyds	576	+2		4.8	12.2
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	107		3.4	4.0	18.1
625	537½	Nat Aust Bk	558½	-2		4.5	12.9
522	421	Nat West	450			5.0	10.5
577	415	Provident	465	-8		4.3	14.8
71	59	Rea Bros	70			1.2	19.6
525	382½	Ryl Bk Scot	407†	-7		3.7	18.4
1460	1050	Schroders	1213	-12		1.7	11.1
350½	223	Stand Chart	266	-9		3.8	11.7
291	202½	TSB	230	-5		4.4	15.0
139	135	Union	135			2.6	12.5
1012	679	Warburg SG	729†	-11		3.8	9.5
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£105	+50		3.6	
250	207	Westpac	212†			3.6	
390	310	Wintrust	315			3.8	25.4
BREWERIES							
663	540	Allied-Lyons	556†	-4		4.9	14.5
619	505	Bass	506†	-9		5.2	13.2
295	257	Boddington	265			3.8	14.5
450	384	Bulmer (HP)	384			3.4	15.4
193	168	Burtonwood Brw	182		4.7	3.3	15.3
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	161	-3		3.0	22.1
58	54¼	Fosters Brewing	54½	-¼		5.3	6.2
492	422	Fullr Sm 'A'	426		7.5	3.2	17.0
506	417	Grand Met	419	-2		4.0	17.0
511	411	Greenalls Grp	422†	-2		3.7	16.2
554	467	Greene King	467			3.3	17.1
582	460	Guinness	470½	-8½		3.4	15.2
301	259	Hardy Hansn	275	+5		4.2	13.6
160	135	Heavitree	160			2.5	14.2
457	357	Highland Dstl	392	+1		2.2	18.6
3225	3125	Holt J	3225†			1.3	18.4
182	131	Macallan-Glen	159			0.9	43.7
450	368	Mstn Martn 'A'	400†			2.5	20.1
240	195	Mansfield	195	-1		2.0	14.0
332	262	Mrston Thmp	272			2.6	15.2
595	545	Mathew Clark	554			4.1	31.7
130	125	Mrrydwn W	126		7.0	6.9	11.3
645	463	Morland	500†			2.5	16.7
11	9	Paramount▲	10	-1		1.9	19.0
325	294	Regent Inns	297			2.1	23.1
1521¼	1000	SA Brewerie	1328½	-34¼		2.1	22.0
591	495	Scot & New	519	-9		4.1	15.9
190	142	Taunton Cider	148		6.2	5.5	11.6
306	254	Vaux Group	264†	-1		4.5	17.0
402	324	Wetherspoon JD	390			2.0	23.7
617	511½	Whitbread	534†	-6		4.4	15.5
550	493	Wolvrhmptn D	541†			3.0	15.3
575	450	Young 'A'	519†			3.6	∞
BUILDING, ROADS							
215	155	Abbey	155			1.6	25.5
23	15	Albrighton▲	19	-1		0.7	
230	145	Allen▲	175	-2		3.6	39.7
164	104	Amec	113†	-2		3.3	54.3
454	333	Ashtead▲	374	-2		1.6	25.0
165	109	Atwoods	127	-1		5.0	
343	275	BPB Ind	306	+3		3.1	36.6
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	134			2.8	22.1
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35½			2.3	
52	21	Barden	21			10.4	2.5
60	43	Barlon	43†			5.9	
282	203	Barratt Devs	208	-2		2.0	22.9
169	147	Beazer Homes	155			4.0	13.6
282	224	Bellway	224†	-3		3.6	21.1
54	42	Belwinch	45				
259	225	Bensford Inl	210	-2			
573	417	Berkeley Gp	417			1.9	22.5
215	115	Ben Bros	200†			1.7	10.0
115	60	Blockleys	71†			1.5	
291	250	Blue Circle	256†	-4		4.9	24.1
368	277	Bovis Henry	334			2.4	17.0
78	35	Brandon Hire	70				
117	63	Breedon PLC	90			6.4	25.9
154	130	Br Dredging	144			4.9	15.4
84	75	Brit Fittings	56		2.0	2.0	∞
187	140	Bryant	152	+2		3.9	23.1
139½	112	CALA	120				
349	344	CRH	348			2.4	17.7
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43				
42	35	Costain	31				
187	145	Countryside	144	+1		3.5	72.9
112	90½	Crest Nicholson	99				
129	103	Cussons	119†			3.2	14.4
257	235	Edmond Hldgs	255†			1.5	
187	157	Epwin	145†	+1		2.4	
82	70	Erith	70			1.7	42.1
475	425	Eve Group▲	425			3.0	16.1
50	41	Galliford	45				
140	95	Gibbs & Dandy	102		2.5	7.0	∞
1126	915	Gleeson (MJ)	945†			1.7	16.5
195	165	Graham Grp	190			2.9	19.0
164	130	Hewden-Stuart	149†	-1		2.4	22.0
84	66	Hewetson	73			2.1	51.9
477	364	Heywd Wlm	366			4.4	24.4
144	102	Higgs & Hill	105			3.0	
41	31	Hon Gp	33†			2.8	∞
32	25	Howard Hldgs	22		0.5	2.8	
96	71	Ibstock Johnsen	73†			1.7	
15	13	Jarvis	13	-3			
340	259	Laing (J)	302			3.7	21.5
164	134	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	137			6.8	
145	115	Ln Clydeside▲	132			4.5	25.9
73	45	Lovell (YJ)	45				
409	322	Manders	356			3.5	19.8
215½	150	Marley	153	-3		2.4	25.0
155	125	Marshalls	134			3.7	
254	195	Maunders (J)	236			2.8	22.8
274	219	Mcalpine (A)	219†			3.7	32.1
83	50½	McCarthy & S	67			0.9	
564	425	Meyer Int	428	-9		3.2	17.7
119½	97½	Mowlem (J)	102			2.5	
252	138	NSM	138	-4			
45	36	Needler▲	36				
206	154	Newman Tnks	155	-1		5.0	22.6
296	245	Persimmon	246	-1		4.6	22.1
22	6	Phoenix Timber	15				
1850	1450	Pochins	1700		29.0	2.1	24.1
166	130½	Prowting	139½			3.0	42.9
1079	848	RMC Gp	969	-21		3.0	24.6
116	79½	Raine Ind	91	+1		3.1	17.6
42	25	Ramus▲	29				
640	462	Redland	501†	-8		6.2	26.3
155	70	Rosser	100†		4.3	5.1	
165½	132	Rugby Group	144	-4		2.9	19.4
61	53	Secure Retire	58				
54	50	Srfld-Rvea	61		0.5	1.0	∞
189	155	Sharpe & Fisher	158			3.3	17.3
255	234	Sheffield Insl	234	-1		2.9	19.8
270	235	Sherif Hldgs▲	264			1.8	25.1
157	94	Shorco▲	157†		5.2	4.1	28.4
245	195	Smart (J)	220†			4.8	19.0
5	2	Starmin	3½				
206	139	Tarmac	155†	-3½		4.4	∞
257	187	Tay Homes	187			4.0	20.1
193	136	Taylor Woodrw	136†	-3		1.4	33.2
760	620	Tilbury Dougls	640†	+2	33.0	6.4	∞
60	36	Torex Hire▲	48			1.6	
370	274	Travis Perkins	297	-1		3.4	24.0
29½	16	Trencherwood	22				
40½	29½	Try Group	28	-1		2.2	
28	21	Tudor▲	25†			1.2	
113	90	Vibroplant	96½		2.5	3.2	34.7
170	134	Wainhomes	134			3.9	14.5
74	52	Ward Hldgs	65				
45	33	Waterhouse	38				
545	450	Watts Blake	497†			3.0	21.4
225½	160	Westbury	160†		5.2	4.1	∞
7	3½	Wiggins	5½				
571	440	Wilson Bowdn	447	+4		2.6	16.8
259	185	Wilson (C)	207†	+2		2.5	20.2
240	159	Wimpey G	159	-5		4.1	23.8
30	20	YRM	26				
BUSINESS SERVICES							
740	583	ADT	638				
443	253	Adam & Harvey	438		13.0	3.7	8.0
83	58	Air London▲	58†			7.5	12.7
62	44	African Lakes	52			1.2	
140	92½	Auto Sec	111	-1		3.4	14.4
162	120	BET Ord	121½	-½		3.3	20.2
195	115	BNB Res	178			3.4	20.8
255	185	BPP	185			5.9	13.5
196	152	BSM	159			4.5	13.5
235	205	Barbour Index	219		8.1	4.7	14.9
1½	1	Black & Edge▲	1½				
23	17	Boustead	28	-1		3.7	∞
226	169	Brit Data Mgt	172		4.9	3.6	12.5
31	26	Broadcastle▲	28			4.5	13.4
79	58	Brooks Service	64	-6		2.0	
121	98	CRT Gp	107†	-1		3.4	19.3
235	190	Capita Group	190	-2		1.7	24.2
59	47	Casket Plc	50½			2.8	16.9
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	21½				
95	56	Christie	56				
423	324	Chubb Sec	324	-8		2.4	19.7
132	104	Comac	107			1.8	27.8
61	41	Corp Services	54†	-1		0.6	20.3
97	81	Coutts Cnslg	88½	-½			
179	142	Dart	169	+12	3.3	2.4	22.9
276	212	Davis Service	212	-2		4.7	15.0
154	119	EW Facra	132			4.5	9.9
34	23½	Gardiner	23½			3.9	10.5
334	282	Hays	291			2.4	22.5
290	246	Hogg Robinsn	255			3.3	18.6
29	18	Holmes Protectn	18	-2			1.1
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	270½	-4		1.8	22.3
2699½	2096¼	ISS B DKr	2315½	+3½		0.9	12.9
609	469	Inchcape	473†	-2		3.9	15.1
411	343½	Johnson Clean	344			3.9	13.9
8	4	Lep	4½				
375	283	Mitie Gp	365	-5	4.0	1.4	25.2
1375	1150½	Manpower	1369½	-9½		1.0	
94	65	Michael Page	84			3.1	20.6
115	108	Pennna▲	108		8.0	9.3	4.0
89½	60½	Proudfoot	66↓	-3		6.0	16.3
415	355	RCO	390		15.2	4.9	13.1
127	97	REA	120†			6.2	45.8
140	104	Reed Executive	139		1.0	0.9	
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	116	-1	4.5	4.9	30.4
279	204	Rentokil	214	-3		1.7	22.0
368	295	Rolfe & Nolan	335	+2		3.0	∞
392	243	Salvesen (C)	259	+8		4.0	12.1
58	43	Scott Pickford▲	47		0.8	2.1	15.0
17½	9	Select App▲	14				
307	253½	Serco Gp	295			1.4	26.9
129	75	Sherwd Cmpe▲	114			1.9	
130	100	Sketchley	106†			3.9	∞
338	325	Warner Howrd	335†			2.7	15.9
35	24	Welpac	25				
30½	22½	Wills Gp	22½			2.3	15.7
CHEMICALS, PLASTICS							
268	231	Allied Colloids	260	-3		2.3	20.6
1141	910	Amersham	993	-5		2.0	20.9
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½				
£136½	£106½	BASF DM	£107½	-1756½		4.1	
375	304	BTP	318	-1		3.7	25.5
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£143½	-171½		3.0	
171	97	Blagden	125†			1.5	14.6
131	98	Brent Chems	115	-2		4.3	
460	311½	Br Bio-Tech	380				
13	5½	Caird Gp	8½				23.6
199	153	Canning (W)	186†			4.9	31.5
580	470	Courtaulds	513†	-8½		3.6	38.4
391	327½	Croda	350†			3.0	17.8
133	109	Doeflex	114	-4		5.0	12.0
282	227	Ellis & Everard	235	+1		3.9	19.7
52	35½	Euro Colour	49½			2.0	17.7
358	337	Halstead (J)	355			2.4	16.6
223	171	Hickson	189†			5.3	19.2
£145½	£108½	Hoechst	£139½	-275		2.7	
221	153½	Holliday Chem	213			3.3	17.0
954	728	ICI	799	-13		4.3	64.5
613	472	Laporte	749	-1		3.5	20.3
245	190	Leigh	205	+4		4.9	∞
75	45	MTM	75				
2400	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2005½	-9½		1.6	∞
625	461	Paterson Zoch	505			3.1	13.3
595	416	-do- 'A'	480			3.2	12.6
251	196	Plysu	196†			4.5	∞
340	265	Porvair	317			1.7	23.8
60	54	Sutcliffe Speak	54				
490	393	Wardle Storeys	393†			5.5	20.6
698	570	Wlsnholme R	698			3.2	17.4
483	390	Yorks Chem	433			2.3	20.5
336	258	Yule Catto	312†	-2		2.5	23.7
869	672	Zeneca	694	-12		5.0	11.9
DRAPERY, STORES							
249	203	Allders	224	+4		3.4	16.7
410	339	Argos Plc	346	-2		2.9	18.6
11½	6	Ashley Group	7			3.3	
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	79†			0.2	
397	305	Asprey	318		5.2	2.1	20.5
234	176	Austin Reed	229†			3.0	12.8
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	150†			5.2	16.2
150	110	Bentalls	120			2.1	45.2
166	101	Betterware	110†	+1		3.0	11.9
94	36	Blacks Leis	43			6.8	∞
364	214	Body Shop	247†	-1		1.0	23.2
601	504	Boots	531†	-8		3.5	15.9
12½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	4½				
491	420	Brown (N)	460†			2.5	22.1
74½	51	Burton	59			4.3	
245	180	Cantors	190			2.8	26.1
532	298	Church	393			4.1	22.5
171	136	Clinton Cards	137			4.3	11.8
287	219	Coats Viyella	232	+1½		4.3	20.3
120	41	Colourvision▲	41		5.6	17.1	7.4
170	157	Cray Casuals	159†			3.4	16.2
905	503	Courts Furnish	803		5.6	0.9	10.1
210	155	Crown Eyes	165		7.5	5.7	11.3
137	86	Dairy Farm Int	87½	-1		4.4	11.4
130	97½	Dewhirst (I)	130†			1.4	23.6
287	185	Dixons Grp	182	-6		4.2	
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9½				
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	590		17.0	3.7	∞
254	217	Essex Furn	222	-15		2.1	35.7
266	217	Etam	265†			3.5	19.8
558	494	Fine Art Dev	527†	+4	14.3	3.4	∞
50	46	Fired Earth	46				
715	680	Forminster	713		14.5	2.6	12.9
180	124	French Conn▲	179				10.1
73	66	Gent SR	66			4.3	20.5
116	95	Goldsmiths Gp	106			1.3	18.8
653	557	GUS	580	-15		2.5	17.9
196	190	Hamleys	182			3.2	17.5
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	21			0.0	
82	47	Harristone	47				
110	74	Heritage▲	74				
91	66	Honeysuckle▲	66	-1		4.7	9.7
199	179	Hse of Fraser	195½	+2½		3.1	17.9
211	173	Jacques Vert	176			2.5	13.5
779	506	Kingfisher	517†	-9		3.6	12.7
98	64	Leslie Wisc Gp	69	-2		7.2	14.6
625	525	Liberty	615			1.5	7.6
390	303	Lloyds Chem	305	-2		3.3	10.1
184	132	MFI	152	-2		3.1	69.1
460½	380	Marks Spencer	400†	-1½		2.9	19.6
680	563	Menzies (John)	569			2.4	14.9
343	238	Moss Bros	324†			2.7	15.8
283½	214	Next	249½	-1½		2.8	18.5
70	39	Oliver (G)	42	-2			67.8
335	255	Oriflame Intl	270	+6		4.0	∞
35	22½	Pentos	28½	-½			
269	195	QS Hldgs	195†			3.3	23.0
42	25	Rhino Grp▲	29†	-3		2.4	9.4
209	176	Rosebys	191			3.2	24.8
190	124	Sherwood Gp	124			2.9	12.3
172	113	Sears	121†	-2½		3.8	20.6
46	23½	Signet Group	36				
549	464	Smith WH 'A'	492	-5		3.8	15.9
125	109½	-do- B	113			3.3	18.2
12	11	Specialeyes▲	14				
257	205	Storehouse	215	-3		3.3	18.6
198	146	T & S Stores	184			4.1	13.7
173	124	Tie Rack	124		1.7	1.8	∞
265	232	Time Products	232			4.7	17.5
132	111	Usher (Frank)▲	113		6.0	0.0	12.3
466	364	Vendome	450	+2		1.7	20.9
44	34	Vival	39			4.1	9.9
70	34	WEW Group	38½			2.1	26.9
55	42	Wensum▲	55†	+5		4.5	19.4
126	94	Wickes	100†			1.2	24.0
90	54	Wld of Leather▲	87				
195	154	Wyevale	154			3.6	16.3
ELECTRICALS							
197	137	ACT Group	169			3.7	17.0
296	246	Amla▲	293			3.9	∞
562	475	Admiral	562			1.4	20.7
196	163	Alba	181			3.5	14.6
43	24	Alphameric	42				
50	30	Amstrad	31½	+½		2.0	
105	77	App Holo▲	61				
39	24	Artec	28				
94½	80	Astec	85½			1.1	21.2
291	242½	Aztan	281			1.3	33.5
293	239	Bailes Hunter	255			4.7	15.8
473	393	BICC	400†	-5		0.0	29.3
535	434	Bilcs	439			3.0	17.5
1100	657	Borland▲	650				
392	325	Bowthorpe	345†			2.5	19.3
486	357	BT	370½	-11		5.8	12.7
367	236	BT PP	262½	-9½		5.4	17.6
20	14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	+½		1.7	∞
70	55	Burnfield	60			5.2	46.6
543	422	Cable Wireless	437	-9		2.2	18.3
37½	21	Chloride	34½				
283	264	CML Micro▲	281	-1		2.1	∞
272	105	Compt People	175†			1.1	39.9
260	159	Cray Elect	174			1.4	16.9
477	412	Critchley	435			1.4	25.1
566	482	Delta	516	-3		3.5	21.0
683	546	Dennans El▲	653			1.2	21.0
538	450	Domino	537†	-1		2.0	22.7
74	71	Dowding Mills	74			4.3	24.8
1635	1233	Druck▲	1495		10.3	0.9	29.8
590	463	Electrocomponts	477	-10		2.5	20.5
199½	145	El Data Pr	159			1.3	13.5
178	133	Electron House	165	+2		2.1	23.7
25	21	Emess	22			0.4	
451	399	Eurotherm	410	+2		1.4	27.9
232	172	FKI	191	-1		2.3	26.5
665	513	Farnell Elec	534†			1.7	21.9
75	63	Feedback▲	67			3.7	9.1
336	256	First Tech	307			0.5	25.6
253	215	Forward Gp▲	223†			2.7	15.9
50	44	Forward Tech	44½			0.7	
357½	298	GEC	301	-8½	10.4	4.3	15.0
191	136	Gazeby	136			0.0	12.8
14½	11	Graystone	13			1.0	
48	34	Hillcare▲	42		0.5	1.5	
183	149	Ind Control	150			3.4	13.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	324			3.5	13.0
142	99	Kalamazoo	139			3.0	∞
14	8	Kembrey	10½		0.1	1.9	∞
386	335	Kenwood App	340			3.4	16.0
296	221	Kewill Sys▲	255				
145	105	Rode	105			7.1	15.0
35	19	Laser-Scan▲	23				
149	95	LBMS▲	120		0.7	0.8	16.9
300	255	Lec Refrig	273			4.1	
171	107	Life Sciences	128	+4		3.6	13.5
314	270	Logica	293			1.8	32.6
52	47	LPA Ind▲	51			0.0	
219	189	MR Data Mngmt	193			3.6	21.5
745	613	Macro 4	613	-7		4.0	18.4
281	210	Memster-Swa	231			2.1	20.1
1320	795	Micro Focus	1219	+5			11.7
178	142	Microgen	143			6.3	14.3
38½	31	Microvitec▲	36				
549½	473	Misys	473			2.0	17.6
494	223	Mitel	256	-24			
198	143	MMT Comp▲	183†			2.9	18.8
315	250	MTL Insta	315			1.6	20.4
148	127	Murray Ent	127	-1		2.0	
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2550	-31¼			
129	84	Neoronics	95			3.4	16.6
55	53	Newmark (L)	55				
371	279	Norbain▲	361			0.5	27.8
70	47	Northamber	65		0.6	1.2	
9½	7	Oceonics	7½				
358	277	Oxford Inst	306	-2		2.0	∞
87	62	P & P	74			3.3	17.8
98	77½	Peek	83†			5.1	14.2
235	184	Pegasus▲	191†			3.3	21.0
1105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105†			5.5	
2037½	1400	-do- Lmp Nv	1878½	-28¼		0.9	∞
440	330	Phonelink▲	335				
340	293	Pilco	335			1.6	28.1
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	319			1.7	26.7
98	70	Plasmec▲	98†			3.8	
121	100	Pressac	115			2.8	23.5
303	181	Psion▲	273			1.3	29.9
250	187	Racal Elect	242	-2		2.2	∞
50	33	Radamec	36†			5.9	10.9
41	27	Radius▲	39	-1		1.3	
118	73	Real Time▲	107	+1		3.5	22.0
311	229	Roxboro	283			0.8	∞
610	507	Sage Gp	570†			2.2	15.4
360	310	Sanderson Elec	352†			4.0	
89	68	Scantronic	70		3.1	5.7	19.2
212	162	Scholes Grp	185			3.4	19.2
417	310	Sema Gp	412†			0.9	24.8
270	250	Servomex	259			3.1	29.0
49	40	Silvermines	40			1.5	∞
94	63	Soundtracks▲	74			4.1	18.6
3196½	2265½	TDK	3153½	-25		1.0	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	12				
170	92	Telemetrix	111†	+3		1.1	13.0
292	191	Telspec	290	+4		1.2	32.6
1165	979	THORN EMI	1085	-19		4.0	21.6
198	133	Thorpe FW	198			1.8	17.7
43	24	Total Systems▲	30		1.5	6.2	5.3
303	253	Tunstall	253†			1.8	18.1
325	256	Unitech	320			2.4	54.4
16	10	Verity	10				
31	22	Vistec▲	24½		0.3	1.9	14.5
637	496	Vodafone	509	-3		2.1	22.0
483	405	Volex	406		18.1	5.6	16.6
31	20	Western Selectn	26		0.2	1.2	
335	265	Wholesale Ftgs	298		11.7	4.9	31.7
ELECTRICITY							
717	537	East Midlands	601	+6		4.3	10.6
725½	566	Eastern Elec	614	+3		4.1	11.7
477	322	Hydro-Elect	344	-2		4.7	10.6
739½	534	London Elec	590	+7		4.5	11.1
850	651	Manweb	718	+9		3.8	9.0
767	549	Midlands Elec	600	+5		4.4	9.5
505	404½	National Powr	434†	+1		3.6	11.6
801	589	Northern Elec	692	+12		4.1	9.0
301	209	Nthn Ireland	224	-3		4.2	9.2
806	596	Norweb	649	+12	20.8	4.0	9.3
582	449	PowerGen	484	-4		3.3	10.8
466½	337½	Scottish Powr	358			4.4	11.1
415	299	Seeboard	342	+8		3.8	10.7
825	599	Sth Wales	639			4.5	9.8
743	551	Sth Western	630	+9		4.3	9.1
745½	540	Southern Elec	596	+3		4.3	7.9
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	598	+4		4.5	11.3
FINANCE, LAND							
57	51	Aitken Hume	51		1.0	2.5	10.9
166	108	BWD▲	114			4.4	10.2
118	96	Baltic Plc	108			1.7	12.0
215	168	Biotec Inv	173	+5			
757	623	Caledonia	702	-1		2.7	26.1
2600	1900	Camellia	2575			1.5	8.9
363	318	Candover	335	-3		4.1	
465	367	Goven	405			4.7	8.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	239			3.7	20.6
428	208	Johnson Fry	222		1.5	0.9	
265	161	Lon Forfaiting▲	167			7.0	10.4
57	45	Manakin	45				
35½	8½	Nat Home Loan	20				0.4
58	53	Newmarket	56				
305	270	Rathbone Brs	270	-5		3.5	14.2
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26			4.2	13.2
367½	281½	S & U	325↓	-1		4.0	∞
114	85	Singer & Fried	86			4.4	11.1
1260	830	Sotheby's	830†	-10		3.4	35.8
188	131	STP Capital	148½	-3½		2.6	8.6
224	198	Towry Law	198			2.9	19.5
FINANCIAL TRUSTS							
2015½	1628½	Amer Express	1912½	+12½			
229	174	Gartmore	174			2.9	20.1
1208	870	Henderson Ad	900	+5		6.3	∞
251½	157	Invesco	158½	-1		2.8	26.0
317	234½	Jardine Strat	255½	-1½		3.3	9.8
323	247	MAI	264	+4		3.3	14.4
770	558	MAM	569†			4.9	13.3
1243	833	M & G	938†			2.1	17.5
496	342	Smith New Ct	358	+4		2.4	3.5
65	30	Trio Hldgs	30			10.4	9.7
FOODS							
607	522	AB Food	522	-9		3.7	10.1
66	50½	ASDA Group	59	-½	3.6	3.7	
368	292	Acatos & Hutch	292			3.7	11.5
74	52	Albert Fisher	54↓			8.7	12.0
306½	222½	Argyll	246	-1½		6.0	10.4
270	230	Banks (S C)	267		9.0	4.2	10.2
358	305	Barr (AG)	330			2.5	21.3
72	56	Bensons Crisp▲	61			5.8	20.2
481	378	Booker	394†	-3		6.9	14.0
56½	48	Borthwick	55½			3.0	23.4
506	449	Brake Bros	449†	-1		1.9	16.6
43	25	Budgen	25½	+½		6.4	7.7
545	444½	Cadbury-Schw	444½	-7½		4.0	15.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	197†			2.9	∞
167	130	Cranswick	148			7.3	∞
17	11½	Cullens	11½	-3½			
154	90	Dalepak	99			6.3	28.8
543	412	Dalgety	417†	-1		6.2	12.2
87	50	Daniels S	57			0.7	
294	235	Devro	240			3.3	16.2
101	60	Everest	66			7.0	12.6
394	358	Farepak	381		5.9	2.0	23.5
8½	6	Farringford	6				
85	70	Finlay (James)	82†			6.3	15.3
105	90	Fyffes	97			1.8	16.6
371	212	Geest	223†	+1	8.1	4.5	
20½	14	Global▲	16			3.9	14.6
68	46	Grand Central	46		0.8	2.2	
194	126	Hazlewood Fds	131	+4		6.2	7.4
196½	159	Hillsdown	166†	-2		6.6	13.3
211	135	Iceland Group	145½	-½		3.3	9.3
111	100	JLI Group	106			5.5	11.7
656	529	Kwik Save	574†	-5		4.1	10.0
193	138	Low (Wm)	171			6.1	5.7
113	85	Matthews (B)	107			2.9	17.1
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11		0.9	10.8	22.5
130½	99	Morrison (W)	126	+1		1.0	14.7
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228			3.2	15.2
271½	206½	Nthn Foods	219	+2		5.1	10.4
13	9	Nrthmbrn Fds▲	10				
232	180	Nurdin Peack	192†			4.2	10.6
131	89½	Park Foods	131			2.3	∞
81	64	Perkins Food	70			7.9	11.8
141	111	PizzaExpress	120			0.5	25.4
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	2½				
480	342	Sainsbury J	387†	-8		3.4	8.4
96	73	Sentry Farm▲	76			3.7	7.7
122	74	Sims Food	77			10.6	14.8
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	409†	-1		4.1	10.1
254	200½	Tesco	224†	-3½		4.3	9.9
198	162	Thorntons	168			2.9	
234	145	Treats▲	234			2.2	19.0
434½	346	Unigate	362	-10		5.7	11.9
388	317½	Utd Biscuits	319†	-3		6.0	13.5
21	11	Usborne	11	-½		3.8	8.1
422	279	Watson & Phil	376	-4		4.8	15.7
49	34	West Trust	38			8.9	
HOTELS, CATERERS							
34	26	Abrdn Stk Ha▲	34				
94	79	City Centre Rest	83	+1		2.7	18.4
285	223	Forte	234†	-3		4.0	34.0
207	174	Friendly Hotels	182†			3.9	31.6
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	151			4.2	12.2
217½	155½	Ladbroke	161	+2		4.7	23.7
109½	78½	Mandarin Ornt	94½	-1		3.6	33.0
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	26†			5.0	14.8
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	955			0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	85	+1		1.8	
INDUSTRIALS							
66	36	AAF Inds	37				
544	439	AAH	455	-13		4.8	15.2
185	140	AIM	170			5.5	20.8
138	114	APV	121	+½		5.6	
220	157	ASW	200			3.8	
202	171	Adwest	171			5.3	19.4
20½	15	Aerospace Eng	16			5.9	77.9
312	223	Airsprung	239			3.5	∞
230	192	Alendra W	206†			3.4	21.9
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6†				
330	283	Alumasc	318			2.4	17.7
73	39	Alvis	73			1.7	13.2
745	705	Amber Ind	705			3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	53	+2	1.0	2.4	
81	73	Anagen	74				
95	68	Andrews Sykes	85			4.4	
358	199½	Antofagasta	358	+8		1.2	29.0
62	48	Armour	57			3.7	13.3
175	168	Ash & Lacy	173			4.6	23.9
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	-½		1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	588†	+4		3.5	25.5
300	265	Assoc Nurse▲	270			0.5	16.6
553	490	Atlas Equip	533			5.2	18.5
95	60	Ayrshire Metal	93†		1.5	2.0	
236	192	BBA	206	-2		4.6	
145	115	BLP Group▲	140			0.9	38.4
44	24½	BM Gp	37	+½			
745	627	BOC	725†	-6		4.0	30.6
80½	62	BSG	67½	-½		5.9	42.2
578	524	BSS Group	524	-3		4.1	29.2
401	344	BTR	367	-7		4.2	19.1
176	139	BWI	140			6.0	17.7
40½	26½	Babcock	31½				
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½				
270	228	Baird (Wm)	238†			4.7	19.0
569	366½	Barlow	537½			6.1	9.7
81	64	Bayner (Charles)	76			2.7	20.8
29½	19½	Bearing Power	21			4.5	13.3
95	23	Beaufort	26	-2			
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	-1			
18½	13	Benson Group	14½			2.6	11.0
393	300	Bespak	315		10.2	4.0	9.9
91	60	Bibby (J)	60†	-1		4.2	
226	158	Billam (J)	164			4.0	10.2
38	26	Bilston Batsen▲	34				
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½				
283	243	Birkby	275	-2		1.7	14.3
44	30	Black Arrow	37		2.1	7.1	11.6
283	241	Black (Peter)	244	+2	3.8	3.0	19.1
220	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	210	+1		2.4	6.9
329	262	Bodycote	283†	+1		2.3	20.1
40	31	Bogod 'A'	31		0.7	2.8	11.6
60	43	Booth Inds	54	+10			
524	409	Bowater	424	-13		3.7	15.9
1643½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1571½	-12½			
297	257	Boxmore Ind▲	275			1.8	17.6
20	15	Brasway	17			3.6	
348	288	Brammer	332†	-1		4.9	23.1
31	21	Bridgend Gp	21			1.2	∞
164	120	Bridon	163†			3.1	
85	74	Bridport-Gndry	84	+1		3.3	
57½	45½	Brierley Inv	51½	-½		6.5	12.8
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220			4.5	18.6
124	92	Br Bloodstock▲	92				
515	435	Br Polythene	463			3.1	16.2
156½	121½	Br Steel	135½	-½		1.4	
176	120	Br Thornton	123	-1		5.1	12.8
309	244	Br Vita	277	-4		3.3	23.2
182½	137½	Brixton Grp	156†	+1		1.4	22.7
931½	773½	Broken Hill	904	-3		2.0	40.9
125	88	Bromsgrve Ind	88	-1		6.2	11.5
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½				
71	46	Brown & Tawse	58				
186	154	Bullough	158			1.8	68.2
16	10	Business Tech▲	10				
32	14	Cl Group	18†			3.5	73.4
54	31	Campbll & Arm	31				
39	29½	Cannon St	31				11.9
488	408	Cantab Pharms	459				
278	254	Cape	278			5.1	∞
455	302	Caradon	324	-1		3.4	24.3
215½	151	-do- pf	155½	-1	7.2	5.8	
293	252	Carclo Eng	264			4.1	19.6
10	6½	Care UK	8½				
2446½	1940½	Carnaud Mtl	1978½	-56¼		2.4	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	86			3.5	20.9
266	220	Castings	264†			2.5	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	39				
233	199	Celltech	199				
230	165	Chamberlin Hill	165†			4.9	∞
812	687	Charter	694	-1		4.0	10.6
360	305	Chemring	311			3.8	16.2
62	46	Chieftain Gp▲	59			7.4	11.9
53	38	Chillington	49		1.5	3.9	∞
246	152	Christies Int	171	-2		1.5	30.2
110	60	Claymore	65			4.8	
688	403	Cohen (A)	520	-25	3.4	0.8	
297	242	Community H	259	-2		3.5	14.8
263	211	Concentric	226†	-2		3.3	18.7
310	254	Cook (Wm)	254			3.8	∞
285	235	Cookson	257†	-4		3.1	27.7
110	81	Copymore▲	100			5.0	14.2
167	147	Cornwll Pkr 'A'	162			4.4	21.9
157	109	Cosalt	130			6.1	
285	226	Craighton Nt▲	226		7.4	4.1	16.2
44	33	CrestaCare	34		0.7	2.8	∞
4125	34½	Dana	3556½	+31½			
388	315	Danka Bs Sys	352†			0.5	30.0
296	232	David Brown	235†		6.4	3.4	∞
1021	825	De La Rue	973†	-14		2.9	18.8
52	36½	Dinkie Heel	40†			4.4	10.4
628	512	Diploma	518†			3.0	20.7
97	70	Dobson Park	82†			5.7	16.2
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	117		5.0	5.3	21.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	89		5.0	7.0	16.4
16	13	EFG	14		0.1	0.9	9.1
442	373	EIS	388†			4.0	15.8
25	15	Elbief	20				
53	45	Eleco	45				
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3137½	+21½		1.7	53.1
91	69	Elliott (B)	86			1.5	∞
447½	337½	Eng China Cl	359	-1		7.0	20.9
146	125	Environmed	126	-1			
3425	2237½	Ericsson 'B'	3228½	+38½		1.2	27.6
86	56	Eurocopy	65			3.3	19.1
89	60	Expamet	87			3.6	61.6
778	669	Fairey Group	726†	-7		2.0	19.2
145	109	Fenner	141			0.4	
110	82	Ferraris Group	95†	-5		2.8	14.1
45	40½	Ferrum	45				
78	56	Fife Indmar	56			6.1	8.2
157	113	Fisons	148†			3.6	
60	41	Fitzwilton	42↓			10.8	
298	263	Flogas	278†			3.0	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	46†		1.5	4.1	
126	94	French (Thomas)	104	-4		4.4	20.3
264	220	Frost Group	240†			2.6	25.4
87	77	GEI Int	83			3.7	
632	510½	GKN	597	-5		4.3	35.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	73			3.1	
134	91	Garton Eng	117†			4.8	31.7
191	139	Gestetner	165	+2		2.3	
86	49	Glaves	63†			2.0	40.4
725	520	Glaxo	549½	-11		5.5	13.0
46	35½	Glenchewton	30				
404	345	Glynwed	356†			4.1	26.0
209	125	Goode Durrant	194			3.5	
185	154	Grampian Hd	155			4.4	59.8
598	487	Granada	523	-2		2.2	20.5
618	452	Great Shrnt▲	617	-1		2.5	20.4
85	72	Green (Ernst)▲	72			12.2	13.2
15½	13	Greenacre	13†			3.2	17.8
84½	61	Haden MacLn	75†			3.3	19.4
114	90	Hadleigh	106		1.0	1.2	
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	65				50.7
320	151	Hall Eng	151	-3		7.9	8.6
256	208	Halma	213½	+½		1.3	26.8
71	47	Hampson Ind	66		1.7	3.2	21.8
302	248½	Hanson	251†	+½		6.0	22.5
161	133	Harris (Philip)	133			6.4	8.1
220	172	Harrisn Crsfld	174†	-1		6.5	19.2
179	121	Havelock Euro	166†			1.5	19.7
48	36	Hay (Norman)	40				
50	35	Headway	40			2.2	
511	332	Hepworth	335†	-4		5.5	17.4
205	154	Hewitt (J)	173			2.3	
75	52	High-Point	60		0.5	1.0	
184½	152	Hill & Smith	155			4.5	17.6
28	16	Hobson	23	+½			
191	172	Holders Tech▲	183			4.1	19.8
63	39	Hopkinsons	50			3.3	
216	176	Hornby▲	193			5.8	17.7
103	78	Howden	88			3.3	14.0
280	234	Hozelock	244†			3.1	17.3
265	208	Hunting	208†	-2		6.0	41.2
513	402	Hunigh Tec▲	428†			1.3	24.7
329	313	IMI	315			4.0	26.8
138	119	ISA Intl	120			1.7	16.1
165	71	Intercare Gp▲	77			5.7	8.1
325	284	Isoron	305		4.4	1.8	17.1
710	409½	Jardine Math	483	-1½		3.1	10.7
628	534	Johnson Math	552	-4		2.6	20.1
51	37	Johnson & FB	41			4.1	39.0
282	149	Johnston	231†			1.1	6.5
32	26	Jones Shipman	28				
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30†		1.0	4.2	∞
191½	148½	Kalon	173½			3.0	17.6
301	230	Kelsey Ind	278†			3.6	
805	730	Kershaw (A)	805			4.2	41.4
276	205	Kleeneze	205			0.6	66.3
436	341	Laird	395	-1		3.4	18.6
170	145	Lilleshall	149			3.8	16.2
229	205	Lincat▲	213			3.6	15.0
51	30½	Lincoln Hse▲	39				19.8
218	95	Linread	248			2.2	49.3
400	313	Linton Park	374†			5.0	∞
14	8½	Lionheart	8½			4.3	19.8
20½	15½	Locker (T) A	17		0.8	6.3	24.7
173	90½	Lon Intl	90½	-1½			
175½	129	Lonrho	131½	-1½		3.9	63.9
436	364	Low & Bonar	391	+3		3.2	18.0
49	42	ML Hldgs	42½				
67	55	MS Intl	57			5.5	34.9
70	45	MY Holdings	96↓			3.3	13.6
271	223	Maclarlane	232	+1		2.1	21.1
539	448	McKechnie	462†	-2		4.0	22.1
127	100	McLeod Russel	116			6.7	17.7
104	80	Magnolia	80†	-3		0.2	
163	129	Mang Bronze	159	+10		2.8	17.9
26	19	Marling	19			5.6	
231	182	Mayborn▲	190			3.8	11.3
64	53	Mayflower	59			2.9	24.0
187	132	Medeva	144½			2.3	12.5
120	90	Meggitt	90†	-1		5.5	13.4
120	102½	Metalrax	104↓			4.4	17.3
128	103	Metrotect	109			3.7	15.1
133	99	Metsec▲	133			1.9	18.2
124	95	Midstates	101	-1		0.9	14.0
599	548	Molins	580	-2		3.3	11.7
408	334	Morgan Cble	352†	+1½		4.5	17.2
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	213		5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	39		1.0	3.2	52.3
80	52	Nestor-BNA	52	-1		7.6	11.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	254		5.3	2.6	25.1
212½	123	Norcros	135	-2		6.7	∞
35	30	Novo Group	30			4.6	9.6
64	48	OMI Intl	51½			4.2	
175	160	PCT▲	165†		7.2	5.5	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	88†			5.0	31.8
46	31	Pascoe's	41				
123	84	Pentland	96†			3.6	50.9
310	220	Photo-Me	230		4.7	2.6	13.8
206	174	Pilkington	177	-1		2.9	
110	82	Plantsbrook	92†			4.6	10.9
185	131	Polypipe	144			1.9	18.4
31	16	Porter Chadbrn	31			1.6	14.2
341	218	Powerscreen	282	+3		3.3	∞
27½	17	Prospect Inds	17½	+½		5.8	10.1
77	56	RPS Group▲	63			4.8	13.1
108	82	Radiant Metal	95				
174	129	Ramco Oil▲	130			0.5	
447½	357	Rank Org	392	-5		4.0	21.3
31	13	Ransomes	27				
723	585	Reckitt Colmn	585†	-5		3.8	14.6
95	70	Record	83†			5.4	18.7
5½	3½	Reece	4				
291	221	Relvon	234	+3		2.8	42.7
308	268	Renishaw	284			2.9	35.7
153	126	Renold	139			1.5	
539½	439½	Reuters	467	-15		1.7	26.1
90	74	Rexmore	85		2.0	3.0	
201	162	Ricardo Group	166			4.4	18.5
73	65	Richard (Leics)	65†		2.2	4.3	∞
104½	82½	Richardson West	92			4.3	18.6
164	118½	Ropner	144↓			6.5	14.6
24	15	Ross Gp	17		0.4	3.0	∞
195	157	Rotork	158	+1		3.4	16.8
190	142	Rubicon	142	-1		3.8	17.9
91	62	Russell (A)	86			2.5	30.6
42	34½	SEP Indl	38½	+½		3.0	17.9
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1156½	+3½			
272	214	Scapa	215			3.5	17.0
210	175	Scholl	178			4.8	14.4
291	242	Scoris	267				
1291	1146	Securicor	1233	+3		0.3	36.4
1036	843	-do- 'A'	890	+16		0.4	26.3
892	685	Security Serv	709	+8		1.0	27.0
150½	89½	Senior Eng	134½			3.1	21.8
335	291	Seton Health	325			2.5	16.3
180	139	Shiloh	140†			3.1	9.3
358	300	Sidlaw	307†			4.4	17.7
630	528	Siebe	572	-5		2.4	18.2
378	244	Silentnight	244†			4.1	14.0
168	137	Sime Darby	161			3.0	17.8
130½	75	Simon Eng	119				
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	207			4.2	16.8
63	35	Six Hundred	62			3.1	∞
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	149½	-1½		4.1	16.6
445	357½	Smiths Ind	398†	-3½		3.4	15.5
407	322	Smithkline Uts	358†	-4½		3.8	13.9
527½	440	Smiths Ind	472	+1		3.2	18.9
104	74	Sihn Bus	74			6.3	3.8
243	155½	Spandex▲	238↓			1.2	22.3
740	420	Spear (JW)	740			3.3	12.5
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	414			3.0	20.1
81½	50½	Spring Ram	59			1.1	
267	201	Staveley	214			5.1	∞
242	197	Sterling Ind	231			3.2	35.4
220	180	Suter	187†			6.1	16.5
604	440½	Swire Pacif 'A'	495½	-3½		2.0	∞
75	48	Sykes-Pick	75†			4.4	38.3
178	163	Syltone	163			3.7	23.6
455	354	TI	360	-13		3.9	19.9
44	31	TLS Range▲	36			1.7	39.9
389	330	TT Group	368			3.3	∞
292	224	Tabare	226		2.0	1.1	19.7
852½	658	Takeda Chem	769½	-6½		0.8	14.6
101	92	Tinsley (E)▲	93			7.5	16.0
230	213	Tildon▲	213†	-2		2.5	17.7
283	214	Tomkins	221	+½		3.7	16.3
124	79	Trafalgar H	86	-3		2.9	
105	68	Transfer Tech	71†			5.8	7.6
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	143			6.1	17.2
318	262	UniChem	267†			3.0	15.0
440	335	Unidare	335	-10		3.2	18.0
54	33	Unigroup	40				
1247	973	Unilever	1000	-4	25.0	3.1	∞
8118½	6668½	Unilever (NV)	6790½	-46½		3.1	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	14				
1093	845	VSEL	845†	-8		5.0	8.0
31½	14½	Verson	20	+½			
204	173	Vickers	173½	-½		2.2	21.7
327	264	Victaulic	282	-1		3.4	16.1
522	451	Virtuen	501†			1.9	16.3
805	661	Vosper Thorny	738			3.1	∞
65	37	WSP Hldgs	53			4.2	39.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	498			4.4	22.0
100	60	Wakebourne	93				12.7
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105†		3.3	3.9	∞
344½	240½	Wassall	280†	-5		1.5	24.9
59	44	Watford Wdgens	56				43.6
365	303	Weir	308†	-2		2.6	17.8
704	498	Wellcome	589	-5½		4.5	12.5
220	203	Wellington Hdg	216			3.0	20.9
40½	22	Wellman	39½		0.9	2.8	64.5
400	304	West Fldhcare	304			1.5	19.5
548	455	Wharman	480			2.6	17.4
264	150	Whessoe	151†	+1		6.8	11.5
119	90	Whitecroft	109	+1			
13½	10	Widney	11½				
191	120	Wilkes (James)	191			1.0	∞
414½	343	Williams Hldg	353	-2		4.5	19.0
53	39½	Wilshaw	43			1.6	27.1
975	760	Wolseley	768†	-7		2.4	18.6
155	135	Wood (Arthur)	155			2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	53			1.2	
96	70	Young (H)	77†			4.1	
INSURANCE							
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1137½	+12½		5.9	
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1900	+12½		4.1	
86	55	Archer	57			2.2	
165	113	Bradstock	114			6.0	12.9
550	394	Britannic	394	-2		4.0	
117	96	CLM Insce	96				
711	508	Com Union	508	-25		6.1	14.4
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1925			1.6	25.5
64	40	FAI	43			1.1	
194	150	Fenchurch Grp	151	+1		6.1	13.3
757	537	Gen Accident	543†	-16		6.3	10.9
247	163	GRE	174†	-4		5.5	2.3
457	338	Heath C E	343	+3		5.8	
258	122	Hogg Gp	258			2.8	
323	251	Independent Ins	251			4.1	7.1
203	173	JIB Group	173			5.4	15.7
547	407	Legal & Gen	439	-1		5.7	14.7
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1315½	-25		2.3	17.3
119	93½	LIMIT	95			1.3	∞
471	336	Lloyds Abbey	350	-3		6.4	11.2
310	234	Lloyd Thomp	245		7.1	3.6	15.2
163	159	Lombard Ins	161			6.0	9.3
443	321	Londn & Man	324†	-1		6.0	16.1
472	408	Lowndes Lmb	408		14.0	4.3	14.7
5895½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5825	-12½		3.3	
188	147	Nelson Hurst	170			4.1	17.0
131	112	Oriel	118			5.4	∞
63	57	PWS	57†			6.6	
385	271	Prudential	298	-4		5.5	14.2
404	279	Refuge	279			5.1	20.5
350	232½	Royal	249	-6		3.8	11.3
222	164	Sedgwick	175	-2		4.3	19.7
155	105	Steel Burrill	123			9.1	
87	56	Sturge Hldgs	56	-1		6.8	46.7
418	285	Sun Alliance	319†	+2		5.3	14.5
96	70	Trade Indemnty	70†			0.9	15.6
464	343	Transatlantic	355	-6		4.2	32.1
673	510	Utd Friendly	510	-3		4.0	26.2
245	155	Willis Corroon	155†	-2		5.3	13.7
28	21½	Windsor	24				18.9



1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
INVESTMENT TRUSTS							
2058	1782	Alliance	1791	-7		3.3	
479	411	Anglo & O'seas	423	-3		2.1	
161	123	BZW Conv	131½	-½	7.8	7.4	
219	183	Bankers	189½	-2½		2.5	
381	321	Baring Tribne	325	+1		2.6	
248	198	Berry Starq	234		2.2	1.2	∞
120½	95½	Br Assets	95½	-1½		5.6	
98	90	Br Empire Sec	93			1.2	
46	31	-do- Wnts	37				
234	198½	Br Inv	204†	-1	4.8	3.0	∞
272	229	Brunner	233			2.8	
223	199	Contl Asset	206	-1		1.8	
168	147	Derby Inc	167			11.8	
325	270	-do- Cap	290	-3			
100	83	Drayton Blue	83†	-1	8.4	12.7	∞
111	84	-do- Eng Intl	87†			1.1	∞
156	128	-do- Far East	144	+1		0.6	
177	137	-do- Korea	145½				
784	642	Dunedin Inc G	650	-1		5.0	
408	85	-do- Japan	97½	-½			
80	45	-do- Warrants	66				
827	746	-do- Wwde	768†	-2		1.5	
341	301	Dundee & Lon	312	-2		3.6	
360	289½	Edinburgh	294†	-2		3.7	
354	286	Electra Inv	292	-2		3.0	
220	190	Electric Gen	193½	-½	3.1	2.0	
127	112	English Scot	114				
345	308	European Asset	310	-2		1.8	
172	146	Fleming 'A'	156†		3.0	2.4	
343	290	Fleming Amer	297			0.6	
145	83	Fleming Chinese	83	-1			
92	45	-do- Warrants	49				
267	204	-do- Claver	207			3.3	
385	334	-do- Contl	337½	-6½	2.2	0.8	∞
264	211	-do- Entp	212			2.8	
459	327	-do- F East	345†		1.5	0.5	∞
422	365	-do- Fledg	379	-1		1.0	
120	91	-do- Hi Inc	92½	-1½		5.9	∞
279	223	-do- Japan	275½			0.2	
347	287½	-do- Merc	292	-2		2.9	
347½	290½	-do- O'seas	294	-3	4.2	1.8	
155½	123½	Foreign & Col	139½	-1½		2.6	
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	119		0.2	0.3	
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	65			1.2	
281	236½	-do- Eurotst	241	-3		0.6	
145	121	-do- German	125½	-3½		0.5	
374	316	-do- Pacific	323	-1		0.9	
192	165	-do- Smaller	165	-½	1.8	1.4	
303	247	GT Japan	284			0.6	
200	162	Genl Cons Cap	162	-2			
115	105	-do- Inc	110	-½		9.9	
191	151	Govett Am Smlr	151	-1			
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	112	-1			
112	87	Govett High Inc	88†	-1		7.0	
429	350	-do- Oriental	366†	+1		0.3	
346	258	-do- Strategy	258†	-1		3.3	
475	423	Greenfriar	433			1.9	
19	19	Gresham House	19				
105	92	Herald	92				
158	122	Inv Cap	128	-1		5.0	
119	99	IBS UK Smlr	99†	-1		3.5	
243	205	Kleinwort Chrt	209½	-1½		3.1	
46	28½	-do- Euro Pvt	31				
49	27½	-do- Euro Wts	28½				
272½	236½	-do- O'seas	241	-1½		1.8	
165	138	-do- Smlr	144			3.0	
826	714	Law Debenture	719	-3		3.3	
227	199	Majedie	199†			3.1	
324	250	Merchants	254	-1		5.4	
89	81½	Mercury Euro Pv	86½				
45	29	-do- Warrants	32				
125	99½	-do- World Mng	108				
52½	35	-do- World Wts	42				
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2600	+18½		0.3	
595	511	Monks Inv Tst	525	-2		1.7	∞
158	133	Morg Gren Inc	133†	-1		4.2	
64	46	-do- Warrants	47				
95	87	-do- Latin Amer	95	+½			
50	39	-do- Warrants	47				
148	127	Murray Ent	127	-1		2.0	
£290	£240	-do- Pf 1994	£240				
58	35	-do- Warrants	35				
68	58½	Murray Euro	59			0.6	
23½	16	-do- Wts	17½				
393	329	Murray Income	339†	-1	11.3	4.2	
396	333	-do- Intl	335	-1		4.3	
548	437	-do- Small	495	-1		1.2	
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	87†			15.2	
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	143	-1			
3400	3050	-do- S/C Uts	3100†			4.3	
180	153	-do- S/C DP	158	+1			
363	324	-do- Vent	333	-1		4.1	
95	63	Nthrmg Inc	63	-1	4.7	9.5	∞
404	256	O'seas Inv Tst	304†	-1		1.1	
241	191	-do- Warrants	191				
660½	433	Pacific Assets	460	+2		0.3	
542	335	-do- Warrants	366				
9400	8300	Personal Assets	8300		19.5	3.0	∞
199	170	RIT Cap Ptnr	178½	-½		1.1	∞
127	114	River & Merc	116†			0.0	
446	425	Robeco	425			3.0	
463	428	Rolinco	437			1.3	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	309			3.2	
183	150½	Scot American	160½	-1		3.6	
308	250	Scot Asian	265				
1050	728	-do- Warrants	733				
97½	79½	-do- Eastern	81½	-½		2.4	
262½	215½	Scottish	220†	-3½		2.8	∞
264½	216½	-do- Mtge	220†	-2		2.3	
133½	116½	-do- Value	118†	-½		2.1	
1795	1574	Second Allnce	1590	-8		3.1	
106	84½	Secs Tst of Scot	87½	-½		4.6	
179	152	Selective Asset	160			1.1	
51½	43½	Sphere Inv	43	-½		9.4	
205	149	TR Far East	155†			4.2	
177½	140½	TR City Of Lon	142	-1		4.3	
124½	86	TR Pacific	98½			0.2	
43½	34½	TR Property	37½	-½		3.1	∞
152	127	TR Tech Inv	128		1.7	1.7	
228	191	TR Smir Cos	192			2.5	
412	326	Temple Bar	331			5.1	
135	104	Throgm Asian E	107†			0.6	
101	78	Throgmorton	79	-1		3.6	
553	468	Throg Dual Cp	480				
269	245	USDC Invest	246			2.3	
129	113	Value Inc Tst	114½			4.4	
257½	213½	Witan	218½	-1		3.3	
LEISURE							
578½	417	Airtours	510†	+8		2.2	17.7
46½	26½	Ald Leis	27			13.9	6.8
177	135	Alpha Airpts	187			3.0	∞
131	85	Baldwin	112			3.9	14.7
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	278†			4.5	12.3
305	231	Boosey Hwks	295			2.2	3.4
205	133	Border TV▲	158	+1	3.6	2.6	12.9
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	+½			
148	100	Bristol Scots	130				
7½	3	Buckingham Int	3½				
74	41	Campari	43				
439	328	Capital Radio	394†			2.0	34.7
1047	520	Carlton Comm	862	-9		2.8	18.9
307	268	Castle Comm▲	264†	-1		4.3	16.7
175	114	Chrysalis	175		3.2	2.3	
374	305	Compass Gp	325			2.6	19.1
290	232	Eurocamp	285	-3	9.7	4.3	12.8
457½	334½	Euro Disney	380	-3		3.1	
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½				
435	308	Fairline Boats	413	+3		3.7	28.4
350	281	First Leisure	317	-2		2.6	21.5
478	309	Flextech▲	326				
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	985			1.3	35.5
303	228	Grampian	264†		7.5	3.6	∞
22	15	Greenwich Com▲	16				
161	106	HTV Group	139†			0.9	28.4
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	79†			4.4	11.6
18½	11½	Kunick	14½	+½			
702	539	Man Utd	608	-1		4.4	24.5
57	34	Northern	51			2.5	9.8
130	81	Owners Abrd	101			4.3	
92½	69½	The Pelican Gp	82†	-1		1.2	20.5
183	172	Prism Leisure▲	173		3.5	2.5	16.1
43	33	Quadrant Grp	34				
220	205	Ramsdens (H)	280	-6		2.2	37.4
628	395	Scott Radio▲	598†			2.2	23.0
574	326	Scot TV	376	-4		6.1	∞
40½	27½	SelecTV▲	37½	-½			
118	65	Southern Radio	116			1.3	51.4
350	280	Stanley Leisure	308	-5		2.1	24.9
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	-7	3.5	3.4	29.0
345½	280	Tanjong	280			1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing▲	1½				17.1
96	75	Tottenhm Hot	80	-3		3.1	30.6
182	85	Trans World▲	177	+2	1.3	0.9	64.5
760	518	Ulster TV	594			3.2	22.2
149	112	Vardon	128	+1		1.1	22.7
375	230	Yorkshire TV	328†				
125	110	Zetters Gp	125		8.0	8.0	14.1
MINING							
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3309½	+9½		2.1	∞
2368½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2343½	-12½		3.9	12.7
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	5793½	+9½		4.3	∞
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	29				
404	208	Balyrchk	314				
186	90½	Blyvoors	123½	+1			
37	26½	Bracken	29½	-½		3.2	5.2
898	580½	Buffels	666½	+3½		9.2	5.9
6	2½	Bume	3½				
951½	745½	CRA	917½	-6		2.3	39.4
55½	36	Chilf Res	43½				
88	28½	Coal Inv	80	-2			
1750	1318½	De Beers	1595½	+12½		3.5	16.0
148	88	Dreifntnl	112	-½		3.3	∞
74	30½	Doornfntein	59½				
914	605½	Driefntein	851½	+18½		3.3	∞
865½	549½	Durban	651½	+6½			
170	102	E Rand Gold	139½	+19		12.7	4.9
122½	70	E Rand Prop	70	-½			
449	300½	Elandsrand	378½	+18½		5.2	∞
1239	741½	FS Cons	893†	+18½		8.0	9.0
57	27	FS Dev	51	+7			
1800	1193½	GFSA	1612½			3.5	27.1
165½	108½	Gencor	164½	+5½		4.0	18.4
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorlie	64			2.2	28.2
19½	14	Greenwich E 'A'	18½	-1			
202	105½	Grootvlei	144½	+2½		6.9	∞
416	319½	Harmony	349½	-5½			
430	268½	Harties	368½	-8½		9.8	∞
21½	14	Inoco▲	15				12.6
1084½	831½	Impala Plat	1078½	+9½		2.6	26.3
16½	9½	Kenmare Res▲	11½				
1315½	890½	Kinross	1060½	-6½		5.5	11.9
808½	508½	Kloof	728½	+11½		4.4	∞
132	69½	Leslie	104	+2		18.9	5.6
333	179½	Loraine	223½	+½			
1125	887½	Lydenburg	934½			2.3	
162	118	MIM	153	-1		1.5	86.6
1567	1227	Minorco	1567	+19		2.4	18.8
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	179½	-½		2.3	27.6
899	790	RTZ	858†	-4½		3.0	24.5
275	187½	Rand Mines	275			3.9	10.4
801½	547½	Randfontein	567½	-4		7.2	5.7
295	210	Renison	244				
1346½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1300			2.5	29.7
756	539½	St Helena	613	+3½		6.9	12.9
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1918½	+18½		4.9	20.8
131½	73	Stilfontein	129½	+8		16.7	23.1
160	90	Unisel	117½	+9		3.8	11.2
7000	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5581½	+43½		4.9	8.6
624½	308½	Western Areas	576	+4½		4.6	4.0
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2403½	+75		4.6	8.0
399	307½	Wstrn Mining	394½	-2½		1.3	
1225	603½	Winkelh	700	-6½		6.6	6.7
66	50	Zambia Copper	63				
68	48	Zandpan	53			9.5	∞
MOTORS, AIRCRAFT							
283	233	Abbey Panels	283				
115	110	Airflow Stream	110†		3.0	3.4	∞
175	134	Appleyard	139			4.9	24.5
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	342			3.6	13.8
242	180	Bostrum	242	+2		3.1	22.9
584	390	Br Aerospace	459	-4		2.3	40.3
57	45	Burndene	52			4.2	14.0
465	365	Caffyns	365			4.0	∞
22	13½	Cavendale	17†			1.1	17.2
130	103	Central Mtrs▲	103			4.9	25.5
48	32½	Cook (DC)▲	45	-2	0.9	2.5	25.5
348	281	Cowie	285	-2		3.4	15.8
192½	127	Dag Motors	161	+1		4.9	18.5
158	113	Davngrt Vern	158			2.5	15.7
332	275	ERF	315		2.0	0.8	
173	135	European Mtr	143			3.3	20.1
552	408	Evans Halshaw	471	-10		3.5	19.5
310	235	FR Group	283†	-1		3.3	15.5
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3781½	+75			
4387½	3293½	General Mtr	3400	+37½		1.6	
90	60	Gowrings	75			3.3	
342½	266½	Henlys	285			3.3	19.6
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1216	-6		0.7	
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58				20.1
127	80	Jessups	126		4.5	4.5	
184	156½	Kwik-Fit	165	+1½		2.9	18.9
573	445	Lex Service	465	-5		3.4	13.8
276	162	Lookers	231	+2		3.3	16.1
239	174	Lucas	185†	-1		4.7	
29½	25	Malaya Grp	26½				
310	261	Pendragon	279	-1		3.2	19.8
238	175	Perry Gp	212†			4.1	11.6
218	156	Quicks Group	189	-2		3.3	19.9
204	161	Rolls-Royce	193†			3.2	34.0
256	203	T & N	232	+1		5.8	26.5
312	283	Trinity Hldgs	305	+8		2.6	21.8
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	198	-3		2.7	23.3
NEWS, PUBLISHERS							
355	198	Adscene	355		5.7	2.8	26.1
335	330	Black (A&C)	333†			5.1	14.1
402	308	Blenheim Gp	333†	-1		3.8	12.4
413	365	Bristol	372†			4.1	25.7
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1493½	+6½		1.3	34.9
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1181½	-3½		1.6	27.5
300	260	Dorling Kind	300			1.4	27.1
6712½	5825½	Elsevier	5900	-18½		3.2	19.5
476	367	EMAP	407	-2		3.3	
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1843†			2.7	23.8
194	53	Harrington K	53†	-9		11.6	3.4
515	328	Haynes Pub	448			2.0	25.3
408	340	Hodder Hdline	362			1.2	58.9
180	120	Home Counts	155			3.6	38.0
208	161	Intl Bus Comm	181			1.4	1.1
15	9	Int Cm & Data▲	9½				
340	273½	Independent	328			2.9	11.2
669	551	Johnston Press	659		7.0	1.3	24.2
110	53	MAID	53	-2			
460	338	Metal Bulletin	460			2.2	26.7
177½	162	Midland Ind	167	-1		2.1	22.9
203	149	Mirror Gp	168	-5			0.6
514½	423½	News Corp	440½	-½		0.3	
314	250	News Intl	250			0.7	15.9
735	601	Pearson	616	-12		2.6	22.0
760	670	Portsmth Sund	745			1.6	20.6
964	797	Reed Int	811	-9		2.9	24.5
289	187	Southnews	228			1.6	∞
300	160	Sterling Pubs	179			2.2	21.8
622	487	Telegraph	564			2.9	20.2
885	765	Thomson Corp	765†		30.1	4.9	38.2
472	432	Trinity Intl	432	-2		2.8	21.3
45	18½	Unit Group▲	45				
731	573	Utd Nwspprs	614†	-10		4.5	16.8
OILS, GAS							
33½	24½	Aran Energy	33½	+½			
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	46				
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	-½			
67	50	Aviva Pet	50				
9	6	Beverley	8				79.5
240	200	Br Borneo	223			4.0	11.5
358	259	British Gas	289†	-4½		6.3	
411½	340	Br Petroleum	391†	-2		2.8	39.7
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½				
988	811	Burmah Castrl	862†	+1		4.0	18.1
52	36	Cairn Energy	81				11.6
375	282	Calor Gp	292†	-1		5.4	15.0
51	33	Clyde Pet	34	-1			
30	15	Copiex Res	16½				
23½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	23½				25.4
486	379	Enterprise	399	-11		5.0	24.8
110	28	Exp Co Louis	88	+8			
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	24½	-½		5.0	9.9
8½	4½	Fortune	5½				
77	54	Goal Pet	70			2.3	16.4
41	31	Gt Western Res	35				
177	147	Hardy O & G	149			0.8	13.9
55	40	Kelt Energy	50†			3.3	
169	110½	LASMO	147½	+5½		1.1	
73	51	-do- Units	59		9.4	20.0	
5½	3	Mid Scot Res▲	3½				
75	55	Moray Firth	70½	-1			77.5
7½	4½	New London	5				
50	36	Oil Search	45½				
50½	17½	Petrofina	32½	-½			
466	355	Pict Pet	407				14.7
32½	21½	Premier	27				
158	118	Presidio	128			5.2	
463	325	Ranger	413	-12		3.9	
7780	6667½	Royal Dtch Fl	7097½	+52½		4.4	19.5
4084½	3483½	Schlumberger	3725½	-28½			
58	50	Seafield	51				
755	651½	Shell	704	-5		4.3	21.3
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sv	130				
10	12½	Villers Grp	12½				
231	178½	Woodside	213	-½		1.7	
PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG							
186	150	AG Holdings	152†			4.3	13.9
444	385	API	389†			2.8	24.4
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	273	-3		3.0	41.9
730	540	Abbott Mead	651†			2.0	34.7
28½	17½	Aegis Gp	28				
205	145	Aspen Comms▲	170†		2.0	3.6	∞
26	19	Bill Design▲	20				
472	414	Bemrose	428			3.4	35.3
13½	8½	Birkdale	9				
186	145	Bunzl	186†			3.1	22.3
168	117½	CIA Gp	159	-1		1.3	25.7
179	139	Capital Inds	156				12.3
98	86	City of Lon▲	88		4.0	5.9	∞
439	304	Cropper (James)	394			1.1	∞
114	90	Delyn Group	90			2.3	16.1
137	106	Dolphin Pack	127			4.4	10.3
83	76	Dudley Jenkins▲	77			5.1	16.8
19½	12½	Elswick	13½			3.1	14.9
101	75	Fairway Group▲	90			4.7	18.3
430	363	Ferguson Intl	388†			4.0	16.5
165	136	Ferry Pick	140			3.0	
237	188	Filofax▲	214			0.9	27.6
17½	8	Fitch	11				
149	140	Gibbon Lyons▲	140		5.3	4.6	15.8
275	171	Gold Greenless	176		8.4	6.0	15.9
34	25	Goodhead	30			0.2	∞
30	15	Hunterprint	26				
162	130	Interenope	137	-3		7.1	12.4
293½	254	Jarvis Porter	254↓			2.6	∞
37½	22	Lopex	30	+1		1.2	28.3
30½	29½	M&D	30	-½			
431	347	More O'Ferrall	347	-1		4.8	30.2
161	115	NMC Group	153	+3	2.7	2.2	21.6
361	230	Osborne & Little	361	+3		2.3	∞
60	32	Osprey Comms	47			0.2	
820	513	Portals	860†			3.0	19.3
3	2	Premier Hlth	2				
339	286	Quarto	301†	-2	6.0	2.5	16.4
412	322	St Ives Gp	390	+1		2.1	24.5
158	127	Saatchi	145	-2			29.3
684½	464½	Sappi	647½	+9½		5.1	12.3
30½	16	Senf	27½				
57	20½	Shandwick	51				8.0
573	398	Smith David	503	-3		2.5	34.3
361	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	318†			1.6	45.3
119	102	Sonic	102			3.1	∞
254	210	Star-Plus	229			4.8	21.7
33	25½	Taylor Nelson	30†			1.7	35.1
161	118½	TRV	141†	-1		3.5	22.6
129	89	WPP	113†	-1		1.1	16.2
264	162	Wace	230	+1		1.9	22.4
300	233	Waddington (J)	241			4.5	∞
511	403	Watmough	425			1.0	26.9
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	37				
132	98	Wyndeham	126			2.3	∞
PROPERTY							
130	106	Allied Lon	111†			4.1	14.8
48	37	Arcadian	39				
10½	5½	Ascot Hldgs	5½				
144	109	Asda	116†			2.4	20.6
191	131	Avonside	131			4.0	15.4
2575	2228½	BCE▲	2278½	-78¼			
765	559	Bilton	559†			4.3	20.4
108	72	Bourne End	96†			1.3	
276	213	Bradford	270	-3	5.0	3.2	23.3
27½	10½	Bredero	13½	+½			6.8
474	379	Br Land	380	-2		2.5	37.1
137	123	Brightstone	125			3.8	27.6
276	192	Brixton	201†			5.0	12.5
118	90½	Burford	111	-1		1.6	35.5
209½	129½	Cap & Regnl▲	173			1.3	88.2
222	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	197			4.1	47.4
325	230	Cardiff Prop	325			1.0	72.7
185	152	Chelsfield	179			1.7	44.2
678	584	Chesterfield	584†	-8		2.6	26.2
84	36	City Site Ests	75				
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9				18.8
359	285	Conspec	350		12.9	4.8	18.6
56	35	Conrad Ritbn GS	35				
1795	1458	Daejan	1450			2.2	19.1
25½	5	Dares Estates	12				
156	122	Debenham Tewn	122	-1		3.4	23.2
17	10	De Morgan	13				
189	167	Dencora	189†			2.4	45.5
347½	267½	Derwent Hldgs	270†			2.7	39.1
41	27½	Development Sec	27½				
65	53	Dwyer	55	-1			
490	370	Estates Agency	425†			3.1	51.4
47	18	Estates Genl	31½				
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	102			2.6	18.6
43½	31	Ex-Lands	31			1.4	
37	28	Five Oaks	28			0.9	
73	66	Fletcher King	70		1.8	1.8	46.4
536	425	Frogmore	425			4.8	18.7
325	228	Grainger	298	+3		2.7	33.2
260	191	Gr Portland	192	-3		5.4	∞
23½	16½	Greycoat	17				
269	167½	HK Land	171½	-4½		5.1	∞
94	64	Hamuro Cnyw	84†			1.5	62.0
475	340	Hammerson	349	-6		3.6	35.9
390	290	Helical Bar	388†	-2		1.9	35.5
40½	30½	Flemingway	30½			1.7	
78	37	Herring Baker	42†			4.5	
315	138	Jermyn	185				
792	621	Land Sec	628†	-6		4.5	17.8
122	89½	Lon Merch Sec	91	-1	4.0	5.5	14.1
16	9	Lon & Metro	13				
562	425	MEPC	425†	-3		4.9	24.4
13½	6½	McInerney A	10				
190	164	McKay Secs	175		7.5	2.5	24.0
88	64	Marlbrough Sec	66				
99	38	Mountfield Est	38			2.8	
1425	1265½	Mountview	1265½		22.0	2.2	11.2
196	157	Muckiow (A&J)	157†			4.9	22.8
39	32	OEM	35				
64	39	Olives Prop	41				15.3
3	1½	ORE	1½				
192	140	PSIT	156		3.1	3.5	30.9
399	325	Peel	333	-1	4.5	1.6	
12½	4½	Power Corp	5½				
50	39	Property Trust	39				11.1
54	38½	Raglan	38½	-½			14.1
47	27	Regalian	31	+½			
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	180†			1.2	∞
134	115	Rugby Est	122			2.5	
64	46	St Modwen Prp	49	+3		2.6	20.5
75	59	Saville Grdn (J)	64	+1		5.7	25.0
100	80	Savills	83	-4		2.6	31.9
108	82	Scot Met	85			2.4	
135	115	Shaftesbury	117				
17½	11½	Shield	15½				8.1
307	221	Slough Estates	239	-1		4.0	39.2
103	63	Southend Prop	68			4.4	
50	23	Stanhope Prps▲	27	+1			
39	34	TBI	36				
246	197	Tops Ests	197	-2		1.4	∞
165	127	Town Centre	122†	+1		3.4	22.7
107	91	Trafford Park	97			3.2	22.3
58	28	UK Land	34				
10½	8	Union Square	8½				
317	249	Warner	290			3.7	22.7
260	218	Warnford	258			3.8	∞
2½	1½	Waterglade	2½	+½			
104	76	Wates	80	-7			
105	81	Wood John D▲	81	-1		1.2	
SHOES, LEATHER							
45	31	Ammagico▲	41				
202½	157½	Lambert	160	-5		5.8	7.1
75	53	Pittards	65			1.9	
28	21	Strong & Fisher	24	-½		5.2	16.4
250	227	Stylo	234			2.2	22.1
67	57	UK Safety	67↓			4.9	14.0
TEXTILES							
617	514	Allied Text	551			2.9	19.1
71	56	Beckman (A)	60			7.5	12.9
47	26	Bolton Gp	35				
17½	5½	Brackenbridge▲	12				
226	173	Br Mohair	173	-3		8.1	23.5
36	35½	Charnwell▲	35½	-½			
385	330	Claremont Ga	336†			3.0	17.2
593	451	Courtauld Text	522	+1		3.4	20.7
159½	119	Dawson	142†	+2		2.7	
42	31	Drummond	38	-1			16.9
80	72	Fanpel▲	72		6.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	28				
168	113	Gaskell	144†			3.7	
34	26½	Helene Plc	31†	+2½		8.6	∞
249	222	Hicking Pnrcst	238↓			2.4	18.9
73	58	Jerome (S)	62	-2		1.0	31.4
485	395	Lamont	424†			3.7	16.2
340	250	Leeds	309†			2.4	16.3
101	75	Lyles (S)	75†			4.6	
266	193	Parkland	197†			3.2	11.7
112	89	Readicut	89†			4.8	∞
70	48	SEET	49				
146	119	Sirdar	119	-1		5.7	8.2
64	53	Stirling Gp	53		1.9	4.5	14.7
46	35	Stoddard	37			5.1	34.4
330	269	Tomkinsons	269†			5.3	25.3
49	34	West Trust	38			8.9	
280	239	Yorklyde	250†			3.0	12.1
TOBACCOS							
570	402	BAT	419†	-13		6.0	11.8
499	365	Rothmans	403	+6		3.9	12.7
TRANSPORT							
313½	245	Assoc Br Ports	250	-1		3.3	23.8
1083	926	BAA	935	-15		2.4	19.7
128	107	Badgerline	112			4.6	
496½	369	Br Airways	390	-9		3.6	12.8
108	75	Clarkson (H)	96†			2.3	26.1
592½	302½	Eurotunnel Uts	326†	-16			
87	55	Fisher (James)	58				
155	126½	Iobl Steam	141			3.8	10.8
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	57			4.2	
111	94	Lon O'Seas Frts	94	-1		1.4	7.8
534	414	Mersey Docks	418			2.7	21.3
323	245	Natl Express	294			3.2	18.3
391	305	NFC	218†	+6		4.0	33.5
348	260	Ocean Group	261	-2		6.9	13.9
91	71	Ocean Wilson	76†			5.3	9.7
743	612½	P & O Dfd	638†	-14		6.0	22.1
164	153	P & O 5 1/2%	163†	+1		4.2	
705	596	Powell Duffryn	596			5.1	17.5
102	88	Seacon▲	95	-2		3.0	21.6
206	158	Stagecoach	189			2.5	23.0
121	85½	TNT	116½	-½			
915	805	Tibbet & Brtn	850		14.2	2.1	22.4
74	32	Tiphook	44	+2			
322	238	TDG	238			5.0	16.0
132	98	Ugland	129	+3			
160	98	Utd Carriers	98				
WATER							
607	442	Anglian Water	503	+1		5.8	12.7
365	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	299†			4.3	∞
757	533	Northumbrian	575	+5		5.4	5.8
611	472	North West	487†	+6		5.9	7.3
645	478	Severn Trent	526	+6		5.1	7.7
682	482	Sthrn Water	531	+5		5.2	7.7
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1530†			4.2	10.1
675	484	South West	511†	+2		6.2	7.4
611	450	Thames Water	481	+1		5.6	8.4
744	577	Welsh Water	607	+4		5.4	7.1
759½	582	Wessex Water	602	-1		4.6	9.6
630	465	Yorkshire W	484†	+1		5.9	7.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

Losses in bonds and equities

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 6. Dealings end June 17. §Contango day June 20. Settlement day June 27. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
102⅛	100	Treas 10% 1994	100		10.00	
104⅛	101⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	101⅛	-⅛	12.33	5.07
103⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 1994	101⅛		8.86	5.14
107⅛	104⅛	Treas 12% 1995	104⅛	-⅛	11.52	5.20
98⅛	97⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅛		3.06	4.91
107⅛	104⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	104⅛	-⅛	9.78	5.74
113⅛	108⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	108⅛	-⅛	11.72	6.20
117⅛	111⅛	Treas 14% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	12.59	6.58
121⅛	114⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	114⅛	-⅛	13.30	6.84
117⅛	111⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	111⅛	-⅛	11.90	6.87
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 10% 1996	105⅛	-⅛	9.45	7.32
121⅛	113⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	113⅛	-⅛	11.68	7.52
114⅛	106⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	106⅛	-⅛	9.82	7.60
110⅛	101⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅛	-⅛	8.53	7.84
131⅛	119⅛	Exch 15% 1997	120⅛	-⅛	12.47	8.01
114⅛	104⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	105†	-⅛	9.29	8.13
106⅛	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛	-⅛	7.44	8.04
102	95⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅛	-⅛	7.05	8.05
131⅛	118⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	118⅛	-⅛	11.80	6.33
140⅛	125⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	125⅛	-⅛	12.33	8.22
125⅛	112⅛	Exch 12% 1998	113⅛	-⅛	10.61	8.39
116⅛	103⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	104⅛	-⅛	9.10	8.32
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
101⅛	90	Treas 6% 1999	90⅛	-⅛	6.61	8.23
128⅛	113⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	114⅛	-⅛	10.70	8.49
121⅛	107⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	108⅛	-⅛	9.72	8.47
121⅛	106⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	107⅛	-⅛	9.56	8.56
116⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2000	102⅛	-⅛	8.82	8.53
136⅛	118⅛	Treas 13% 2000	119⅛	-⅛	10.86	8.76
106⅛	90⅛	Treas 7% 2001	91⅛	-1⅛	7.65	8.55
122⅛	104⅛	Treas 10% 2001	106	-1⅛	9.43	8.80
123⅛	103⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅛	-1⅛	9.27	8.86
113⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2003	95⅛	-1⅛	8.36	8.70
127⅛	105⅛	Treas 10% 2003	107⅛	-1⅛	9.32	8.83
129⅛	111⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅛	-1⅛	10.23	8.99
88⅛	71⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅛†	-1⅛	4.84	7.86
105⅛	86	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅛	-1⅛	7.72	8.57
125⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	104⅛	-1⅛	9.06	8.74
125⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅛	-1⅛	9.06	8.74
143⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120⅛	-1⅛	10.34	9.13
111⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⅛	-1⅛	8.43	8.74
112⅛	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅛	-1⅛	8.32	8.68
136⅛	113⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅛	-1⅛	10.19	9.13
119⅛	98⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅛†	-1⅛	8.60	8.64
151⅛	125⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅛	-1⅛	10.56	9.13
124⅛	101	Treas 9% 2008	103	-1⅛	8.74	8.62
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115⅛	93	Treas 8% 2009	94⅛	-1⅛	8.44	8.61
126⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2011	103⅛	-1⅛	8.71	8.61
127⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2012	103⅛	-1⅛	8.70	8.61
93⅛	72⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅛	-1⅛	7.34	8.36
114⅛	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93⅛	-1⅛	8.30	8.52
117⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2013	94⅛	-1⅛	8.46	8.56
159⅛	127⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	129⅛	-2⅛	9.24	8.76
128⅛	99⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅛	-1⅛	8.56	8.52
UNDATED						
54⅛	39⅛	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	-⅛	8.52	
37⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	28⅛	-⅛	8.57	
INDEX-LINKED						
209⅛	197⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	198⅛	-⅛	2.75	3.84
117⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	-⅛	2.87	3.58
176⅛	164⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅛	-⅛	3.32	3.70
173⅛	160⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	-⅛	3.41	3.72
118⅛	107⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109⅛	-⅛	3.44	3.73
184⅛	166⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	168⅛†	-⅛	3.48	3.71
168⅛	149⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅛	-1	3.59	3.79
175⅛	155⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅛	-1	3.62	3.80
146⅛	127⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅛	-1	3.65	3.82
157⅛	135⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137⅛	-1	3.68	3.84
152⅛	129⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	-1	3.72	3.86
129⅛	107	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109⅛†	-1	3.72	3.84
128⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅛	-1	3.74	3.87

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1SZ				
0895 259 783				
Growth and Amer	162.50	171.00	- 0.50	0.07
Growth and Equity	228.30	241.50E	-	1.72
Growth and Euro	198.00	208.30	- 0.30	0.36*
Growth and Inc	112.80	118.80	+ 0.57	5.09
Growth and Gilt	74.06	78.35	+ 0.08	5.38
Growth and Japan	199.40	209.80	+ 1.30	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
Equity & Law Hse, Corps St, Coventry				
0203 858 288				
General Acc	510.20	542.80	- 2.20	2.59
General Inc	455.60	486.10	- 1.90	2.59
UK Growth Acc	541.20	560.00	- 2.10	2.83
UK Growth Inc	236.90	252.10	- 1.00	2.68
Higher Inc Acc	622.70	662.50	- 3.20	4.13
Higher Inc Inc	367.80	391.30	- 1.90	4.13
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	176.20	186.10	- 2.10	6.31
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	157.94	167.89	- 1.82	6.31
Nth America	247.20	263.00	- 0.60	...
Far East	380.10	404.40	+ 1.10	...
Europe	266.80	283.90	- 1.50	0.62
Brit Enrol	67.68	72.00	- 0.37	5.39
Brit Fndmnts Acc	94.28	100.30	- 0.40	4.92
Brit Fndmnts Inc	70.76	75.28	- 0.29	4.92
Gilts/Fxd Opps	88.34	88.68	- 0.22	0.06
Balanced Acc	51.92	55.24*	- 0.24	2.71
Balanced Inc	51.45	54.74*	- 0.24	2.71
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 333				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	135.50	133.10P	+ 0.80	6.01
High Inc Equity	157.60	166.40	+ 0.60	4.67
Worldwide Bond	287.00	283.20P	- 0.60	3.71
Capital Growth				
American Growth	293.40	313.10		.48
Asian Pacific	337.60	359.20	- 1.80	...
Assets & Earnings	268.10	274.60P	+ 0.10	2.16
Comdty & Energy	121.30	128.00		.16
1992 Enterprise	89.68	95.91	+ 0.04	1.02
Euro Capital Inc	122.50	129.40	- 0.20	.91
General	217.00	230.90		2.36
Japan	142.20	151.30	- 0.60	...
Monument	142.10	152.00	+ 0.10	.86
UK Growth Dist	129.60	138.60	+ 0.30	1.86
US Emerging Cos	127.60	136.30	+ 0.50	...
Income & Growth	373.60	397.40P	+ 1.30	3.15
Ethical	70.26	74.74P	+ 0.25	2.27
International	118.30	125.90		.56
Dividend & Growth	99.40	105.31	+ 0.07	4.45
Global Gwth & Inc	65.85	69.78	+ 0.15	1.91
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HL				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	116.90	117.60	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
20 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0800 65 5000				
Aberdeen Portfolio	60.47	61.65	- 0.32	0.80
Amer Inc & Growth	63.72	66.13	...	0.67
Cash	50.06	50.06#	+ 0.01	4.50
European	105.40	112.00	- 0.40	...
European Income	95.50	102.50#	- 0.52	1.46
Exempt	£10.26	£10.96	+ 0.00	2.04
Extra Income	49.69	54.11P	+ 0.08	4.81
Far East Emg Eco	114.70	122.60	- 0.30	0.51
Fixed Interest	72.25	76.88	+ 0.08	7.56
Fund Inv Tst	177.40	189.40	- 0.20	3.39
Japan	205.40	219.50	+ 1.80	...
Latin American	70.51	75.27	- 0.68	0.64
Pacific	73.64	78.86	+ 0.13	0.54
Property Shares	74.70	79.90	+ 0.13	4.74
UK Emerging Cos	67.20	71.74	+ 0.01	1.72
UK Growth	43.11	46.04	- 0.23	2.51
World Growth	73.25	78.18#	- 0.38	0.69
Ethical	61.47	65.62#	- 0.08	2.69
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.02	49.02#	- 0.35	6.43
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 689 336				
UK Equity Income	93.19	99.14	- 0.30	3.15
UK Equity Growth	84.09	89.46	- 0.24	2.16
European	67.94	72.28	- 0.52	0.98
Nth American	68.14	72.49	- 0.35	1.16
Far Eastern	75.78	81.78	- 0.31	0.83
Money	85.95	85.95#	- 0.03	5.32
Fixed Interest	68.45	72.82#	- 0.61	6.48
Index Linked Gilt	63.95	68.03#	- 0.11	1.22
ADAM & CO INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
22 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DF				
031 225 8001				
Adam & Co Income	102.60	109.10	- 0.30	5.50
Adam & Co Growth	104.30	110.90	- 0.30	3.80
Adam & Co Prem Inc	100.00	106.30	- 0.30	5.50
Adam & Co Prem Gth	100.00	106.30	- 0.30	3.80
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
191 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR.				
0402 395 858				
Annty Income	73.78	78.28	- 0.05	2.08
Income Builder Inc	65.20	69.36	- 0.29	2.91
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	225.50	241.00#	- 2.10	3.39
Capital	403.50	433.40#	- 3.20	1.79
Balanced	664.60	710.40#	- 5.60	2.55
Accumulator	£11.60	£12.72	+0.00	3.01
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.46	51.80	- 0.27	3.73
High Income	389.50	416.30	- 3.10	3.71
Equity Income	221.00	236.20	- 1.90	3.62
High Yield	237.70	254.10#	- 2.10	3.70
Govt Securities	31.85	33.62#	- 0.48	6.42
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.40	142.60#	- 1.50	0.34
European Growth	34.19	36.35	- 0.26	0.08
International	165.70	176.90	- 0.40	0.18
Japan	246.40	262.60#	+ 0.80	0.01
Pacific	429.30	458.00#	- 3.30	0.02
Secs of America	400.90	426.70#	- 3.90	0.40
Worlde Asset Val	49.80	53.22	- 0.08	0.13
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	501.50	536.80#	- 5.20	2.36
Cover & Gilt	44.75	47.83	- 0.20	4.47
Smaller Cos	172.60	184.50#	-	1.19
2nd Smaller Cos	164.40	175.70	- 0.80	0.97
Recovery	338.50	348.60#	- 0.50	1.78
Mid Mkt & City	154.10	164.70#	- 0.70	1.48
Dunas Earnings	342.10	365.60#	- 1.80	1.97
Technology	153.00	163.50#	- 1.10	0.67
UK Special Sits	446.70	477.50	- 2.00	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 536 911				
Cnvrsn Onl Fnds	94.27	97.94	....	1.45
Foundtn Fnnl Fnds 60.22	62.56	....	4.00	
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE				
071 251 6767				
Capital	68.90	73.10	- 0.57	1.97
International	64.07	68.16	....	0.49
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY				
031 222 4242				
America	291.90	314.20	- 0.70	...
Bond	105.30	114.80	- 1.20	6.77
Brit Smlr Cos	100.00	106.40		0.93
Conv & Gen	62.90	66.13#	- 0.11	9.24
Energy	434.50	470.60	- 0.60	0.22
Europe	232.80	247.00	- 2.60	0.47
Euro Emrg Cos	104.30	110.90	- 0.60	0.85
Income Gwth	338.80	361.60	- 0.30	4.15
Japan	360.70	383.60	+ 1.00	...
Pacific	112.70	119.30	- 0.30	0.70
UK Smlr Cos	51.21	54.48	+ 0.09	0.78
Japan Tst	322.40	343.00	+	3.39
Mngd Rd	168.80	179.50	- 0.90	2.24
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 9878				
Brit & Overs	281.80	299.60	....	1.25
Capital Gwth	309.50	115.30	....	2.38
Worlde Opps	184.00	193.70	....	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bst Inv Fd Inc	335.00	348.00#	- 0.20	2.65
European Bd Inc	92.27	95.93	+ 0.13	7.35
Exempt	70.73	73.66#	+ 0.10	4.34
Financial	69.33	74.15#	- 0.39	2.68
900.0	453.60	485.20	+ 0.48	2.22
General	261.90	280.10	+ 0.69	2.53
Property	245.50	262.60#		5.33
Trustee	177.30	189.70	+ 0.40	2.04
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60#		4.04
Extra Income	112.80	120.60#	+ 0.10	4.04
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.01	57.89#	+ 0.09	8.37
Income	512.60	548.30	+ 1.40	4.02
Income Builder	62.00	65.98	+ 0.08	4.75
Intl Income	64.82	68.96	+ 0.03	3.49
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.30	118.70	....	2.47
Leisure	120.70	128.10	+ 0.10	0.93
Recovery	403.00	431.00#	+ 0.80	2.99
Smlr Cos Inc	45.92	48.94	+ 0.05	1.82
Special Sits	271.00	289.90	- 0.10	1.60
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	126.80	134.80#	....	0.20
Asst Acc	262.30	279.00	- 0.60	1.57
Asst Inc	163.10	173.50#	- 0.40	1.57
Euro Gwth Inc	144.20	152.70	- 0.50	0.50
Japan & Gen Inc	201.80	213.30	+ 0.60	...
Japan Spec Sits	92.65	98.56	+ 0.18	...
Unle Tech Inc	79.98	84.99	+ 0.12	0.24
Worldwide	174.10	185.50	- 0.10	0.49
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 325, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 6022				
American Growth	93.28	98.86	+ 0.28	....
Amer Smlr Cos	121.60	130.40	+ 0.10	....
Cash Trust	99.86	99.86#	+ 0.01	4.10
Convertibles	58.00	61.70	+ 0.10	5.80
Eastern	272.40	294.80	- 0.90	0.10
Equity Income	85.25	90.69	+ 0.12	4.80
European Growth	202.90	303.30#	+ 2.30	1.00
Europe	213.70	228.00#	+ 1.30	1.03
German Growth	64.70	73.19	- 0.62	0.70
Global Bond	64.41	67.91	+ 0.01	5.30
Global Growth	125.60	134.20	+ 0.30	....
Japan Growth	231.80	248.50	+ 0.30	....
Japan Smaller	202.60	216.80	+ 0.30	....
Korea Trust	78.30	88.06	- 1.03	....
Portfolio	128.60	137.50	- 0.50	1.60
UK Growth	86.91	94.58	- 0.38	1.62
UK Smaller Cos	92.35	98.77	- 0.09	1.50
Select Managers	72.65	77.92	- 0.15	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
24-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL				
071 250 3000				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	80.30	85.43	....	....
Special Oppor Inc	55.13	58.65	....	....
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 248 4448				
Special Sits	194.30	180.00	+ 1.10	0.87
Dividend	79.17	84.67	+ 1.34	4.26
Int Gth & Inc	209.70	224.30	- 0.60	3.06
UK & Gen	42.75	45.72	+ 0.15	1.65
Fund of Funds	85.51	70.06	+ 0.13	....
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
29 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 3HX				
041 225 6020				
Balanced Growth	103.47	109.49	+ 0.18	1.63
Smaller Cos	102.45	108.47#	+ 0.29	0.69
Higher Yield	43.01	45.52	+ 0.08	5.65
American Gth Inc	71.35	75.72	+ 0.33	....
European Growth	129.35	137.09	+ 0.11	....
Global Bond Inc	27.43	29.09#	- 0.01	4.61
Mngd Philo Inc	42.51	44.77	+ 0.07	0.93
Pacific Gth	115.75	122.49	+ 0.21	0.15
Formerly LAS	126.96	144.94	- 0.21	....
UK General	74.53	78.87	- 0.04	1.82
Japan	71.96	76.14	- 0.14	....
Gilt & Fixed Int	93.25	95.87	- 2.15	6.37
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
177 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 488 2236				
Short Dated Gilt	63.56	64.36	+ 0.06	5.76
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	148.20	157.70#	....	1.49
UK Growth	159.70	169.90	....	2.19
UK Income	127.50	135.70	+ 0.10	4.33
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	180.70	191.50	- 0.70	1.49
<to> Income Dist	103.40	109.60#	- 0.30	4.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.10	40.45	- 0.58	6.56
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 236 5685 Exg: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 044 228 5362				
American & Gen	165.00	155.40	- 0.40	....
European Inc	77.75	82.49	- 0.60	0.48
Smaller Cos (H-I)	62.56	67.03	+ 0.02	1.46
Growth	402.10	430.10	- 3.10	2.18
Income & Growth	392.60	417.70	- 1.50	3.87
Japan & Gen	83.73	88.97	+ 0.11	....
Master Portfolio	£103.15	£107.22	-74.00	1.45
Special Sits	92.57	98.30	- 1.31	2.23
High Yield	£12.51	£12.90#	- 0.00	4.44
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh				
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 333 564				
American Gwth Tst	36.27	38.79	- 0.13	0.23
Cash Income	50.34	50.34#	+ 0.01	4.44
European Gwth	39.31	41.87	- 0.33	0.38
Income & Gwth Inc	26.54	28.38	- 0.12	4.32
Intnl Gwth	31.47	33.65	- 0.07	0.51
Japan Gwth	30.68	32.80	- 0.04	....
Managed Tst Inc	47.22	50.50#	- 0.28	1.61
Oriental Opps Inc	141.00	150.80	- 0.30	....
Property Shares	42.06	44.98#	+ 0.10	0.53
Smaller Cos	51.09	53.34	- 0.05	1.39
UK Growth Tst	24.60	26.30#	- 0.09	2.28
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.53	75.43	- 0.68	2.67
Cap Hse UK Inc	63.68	68.12	- 0.55	2.81
Exempt 92	28.40	29.21	....	2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.54	27.36	- 0.16	0.39
European Acc	26.59	28.38	- 0.17	0.39
Financial	140.50	150.20	- 1.10	1.50
Foundation	90.29	96.55	....	2.07
German	49.44	52.87	- 0.04	....
High Income	71.85	76.82#	- 0.09	5.84
Income	129.50	138.50	+ 1.30	2.75
Mngd Philo Inc	101.70	108.70	....	1.07
Mngd Philo Acc	194.40	207.60	....	1.07
Monthly Income	82.26	88.05	- 0.04	5.88
North American	102.90	110.00	- 0.40	....
Orient	156.40	167.20#	- 0.10	....
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0766				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.22	85.57	- 0.43	2.23
American Portfolio	87.63	93.41#	- 0.58	1.06
European Portfolio	91.60	97.66	- 1.23	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	76.54	81.59	+ 0.36	....
Pacific Portfolio	141.46	152.11#	- 0.98	0.77
UK Inc & Growth	72.02	77.28	- 0.29	3.82
Utility & Bond	51.26	51.90	- 0.14	6.30
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	67.96	65.91	- 0.43	3.04
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
51 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD				
071 637 7667				
Intl Growth	138.57	150.51#	....	....
UK Income	108.76	118.60#	....	5.076
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	77.90	82.57	....	2.03
Back Bio-Tech	31.56	33.36#	....	....
Capital Inc Trust	151.40	159.30#	....	....
City Fin Assets	70.09	74.55	+ 0.39	1.06
City Fin America	81.75	86.05	....	....
City Fin Intl	73.17	79.13#	....	0.50
City Fin Pac Gth	184.24	193.64	....	....
Friars Hse Cap	271.39	287.18	+ 2.51	2.32
Friars Hse Inc	191.67	203.90#	+ 0.92	3.99
Buckley Wrld Gth	133.40	141.92	....	0.08
Fidelity Cap-Gth	141.56	149.01#	....	....
Sp Sec Inc & Gth	107.22	112.89#	....	1.59
Paliamount Intl	157.90	166.21#	....	....
City Fin Pfflo Inc	95.67	99.22#	....	4.15
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	85.94	91.35	- 0.17	....
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 573 395				
American Gwth	53.64	57.37	- 0.10	....
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.85	39.41	- 0.10	0.28
Dragon Growth	71.12	76.05	- 0.28	0.51
Equity High Inc	77.47	82.42#	- 0.24	4.01
European Gwth	48.64	51.74	- 0.36	0.83
Evergreen	29.99	32.07	- 0.10	....
General Equity	79.27	84.11	- 0.44	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.79	25.17	- 0.08	8.31
Japan Growth	58.44	62.50	- 0.34	....
Pedigree Gwth	48.64	51.74	- 0.22	2.47
Pnl Sm Cos Inc	32.04	34.09#	- 0.01	0.82
Retirement Inc	24.51	26.21	- 0.08	5.88
Special Sits	37.22	39.97	- 0.14	1.70
UK & Overseas	47.14	50.15	- 0.21	1.07
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Charlotte Meeklean, Kent ME14 4YY				
0634 838 000				
Capital	62.75	67.11	- 0.42	2.41
Income	57.29	61.27	- 0.34	4.03
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,				
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9833				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	154.57	164.44	- 0.87	5.45
Fixed & Convertible	41.60	44.25	+ 0.09	6.75
Monthly Inc Plus	49.43	52.59	+ 0.07	8.52
Preference Share	48.78	51.89	- 0.08	7.66
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.42	132.36	- 0.75	6.66
Managed Fund	66.08	70.30	- 0.53	2.53
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.83	43.44	....	1.56
UK & General	74.20	78.94	- 0.50	2.43
UK Growth	130.22	138.53	- 0.79	2.46
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.52	203.83	- 2.06	0.24
Far Eastern Gth	158.20	167.02	- 0.34	....
Global Bond	79.03	84.01	- 0.18	6.24
Japan Growth	136.17	144.86	+ 0.19	....
North Amer Gwth	154.78	164.66	- 0.62	....
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Old hands needed for new ventures

THE Government's White Paper on competitiveness is right to recognise the critical importance of small and medium-sized enterprises and to put forward further measures to support the sector. An OECD report last week showed that across the industrialised world it will be from the small and medium-sized enterprises that any significant improvements will come in employment numbers. The Henley Centre for Forecasting has said the proportion of non-government workforce in Britain employed in businesses with fewer than 50 employees will rise from a third in 1979 to almost a half by the turn of the century.

Yet there are problems ahead. Global competition may be bearing down on large companies but it is also increasingly affecting medium and small businesses as international competition remorselessly seeks out every trading opportunity.

Any small or medium-sized enterprises which believe that international competition does not affect them because they operate in a domestic market will more and more find their home markets under attack. Global reach now can be achieved without global scale. So

Business Links are not wholly understood by those companies whose support they most need, according to **David Grayson**

raising the quality and extent of support for small and medium-sized businesses, especially those with the aspiration and potential to grow, is a central element for any strategy to increase Britain's international competitiveness and to sustain job creation levels.

Much expertise has been built up in helping small firms through networks like local enterprise agencies, chambers of commerce, local authority economic development units, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) services and, most recently, the training and enterprise councils (Tecs). None of these has had the resources to deliver the quality or scale of services needed if Britain is to emulate the medium-sized businesses — *the mittelstand* — on which much of German economic prosperity has been based.

This is what the Business Links are trying to do with a new generation of business support agencies. These sprang from grass roots initiatives, brought into focus by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. These one-stop shops are not an additional organisation but pull together existing activities while aiming to enhance both the quality and reach.

Established businesses can help them. Banks and large companies have had considerable involvement with local enterprise agencies and similar organisations over the past 15 years. Now they need to be involved with the Business Links as indeed many are already.

Some firms which could give valuable support are, however, holding back because they fear the Business Links are merely a government initiative which bureaucratises help. They are wrong. A Business Link is a local, business-led partnership.

Besides cash and seconding staff, the most significant assistance which can be given is through sharing expertise and information. This might, say, involve opening up internal training courses.

We are on track to have 50 Business Links operating by the year end. If more of the established business community gets stuck in, it will make further expansion of the Business Links more certain and help to ensure a quality network.

David Grayson is chairman of the DTI's assessment panel for Business Links and managing director of the business strategy group at Business in the Community.

Workshop spotlight on help for small firms

MORE recruits to the national chain of Business Links are expected to be announced today when a government conference turns the spotlight on these one-stop shops offering help for small businesses under one roof (Derek Harris writes).

The conference, at London's Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, will be a workshop for about 400 delegates from the small business sector. Its aim is to propel the development of the Business Link concept. Representatives of training and enterprise councils (Tecs) and chambers of commerce will be among those there.

The Links are being developed in a number of ways according to local needs. An example is one of the earliest Links established in the territory of South and East Cheshire Training and Enterprise Council. The Link, with three locations, including Crewe and Congleton, has brought a number of interests together with the Tec now moving towards a merger with several local chambers of commerce. The result should be akin to a German-style chamber, imparting a new dynamism in helping local businesses.

The Link and Tec lead and manage a successful "marriage bureau", TECHINVEST, which is sponsored by several other Tecs in the Cheshire and Wirral area and is backed by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Due to speak at the workshop are Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who initiated the Business Link concept, and David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, whose department supports Tecs. Lord Strathclyde, minister for small firms at the DTI, is also due to speak.

☐ Under the wing of Hertfordshire Tec, a Business Link has been established for that county in St Albans in a battle to offset the effects of defence industry cutbacks there.



Grayson: "On track"



Maria von Staufer with a few items from the Christmas Archive that she and her husband run

Festive export trade lasts all year

BY IOLA SMITH

CHRISTMAS is an all-year-round business for Herefordshire couple Count and Countess Andrew and Maria von Staufer. Their family-owned firm, Christmas Archives International, markets the legends, traditions and customs of Christmas worldwide. Their biggest export market is Japan, where novelty value combined with Western culture makes Christmas memorabilia doubly attractive.

The Japanese connection followed partnership with the Felissimo Corporation, a mail-order company. Recently, that partnership resulted in Maria opening Japan's first £4.5 million Museum of Christmas. Funded by Felissimo, it aims to make Christmas a 365 days a year experience.

The museum houses some of the historic cards, cribs, gifts and decorations that the von Staufers amassed during a lifetime collecting Christmas memorabilia. Many of the 60,000 items reflect the count's Polish-German ancestry. They include four foot high Szopka cribs which imitate the architecture of Crakow Cathedral, and unique 19th-century decorative glass balls from Lauscha, Germany.

When the business began nearly 20 years ago, international partnerships seemed an impossible dream. They survived by not borrowing, but taking photographs to supplement their income.

Gradually, the Christmas business improved. The turning points were a 1984 exhibition of international folk nativities and the invitation to design a Harrod's Edwardian Christmas display. "We both had fond childhood memories of the festival," the countess said, "and we wanted to offer an alternative image to the American credit card funded commercialised experience." That approach is what attracted the Japanese.

The couple are keen to help other British-owned family businesses to emulate their success in Japan, and are currently helping two Welsh craft companies to break into the Japanese market. They are also encouraging British craftsmen to revive the ancient art of cribmaking.

Helping small businesses to adopt a quality approach to meet the challenges of the single European market is the aim of training packs from the Open University and the British Standards Institution (BSI). *Competing Through Quality* provides a step by step-approach to help small business managers to construct a quality manual. It guides them through a quality audit and development of quality management systems to the standard of BS5750 and ISO-9000, its European equivalent. Another pack, *Trading to European Standards*, aims to help small businesses to deal with the rules, legislative measures and industry standards, showing how to manage them effectively. The packs cost £80 plus VAT, or £140 plus VAT for the pair, from Open University Educational Enterprises, 12 Cofferidge Close, Stony Stratford, MK11 1BY (telephone 0908 261662).

☐ A new survey, meanwhile, shows how quality standards are still putting small businesses under pressure. Cost and bureaucracy are the main factors deterring small businesses from applying for the BS5750 quality standard according to London Chamber of Commerce and Kidson Impey, the chartered accountant. The average cost for businesses with up to 200 employees is £16,000 in the manufacturing sector and £20,900 for the service sector. Many said they had to seek certification because customers who had achieved the standard would trade only with companies similarly certified. The report has been sent to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, with a plea to simplify the existing system.

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In the front line of the fight for truth

Richard Cork introduces a major survey of the powerful images produced by artists of the First World War



We Are Making a New World: one of Paul Nash's definitive images of the mud-clogged battlefield of the First World War at its most desolate

I never dared to hope, when planning a large exhibition about art and the Great War, that Berlin and London would both play host to it. After all, the Germans' attitude to that harrowing conflict differs sharply from ours. For them, the carnag of 1914-18 led to defeat, a humiliating peace settlement and, ultimately, the national unrest which let Hitler unleash yet another war on Europ. Germany is still trying to ome to terms with the guilt of Fascism and the Holocaust, so it might not have welcomed the chance to examie images of the First WorldWar as well.

All honour, then, to Christph Stölzl, director of the Deutsches Historisches Museum in Berlin. When the Barbicn Art Gallery approachd him, wondering whethr he would collaborate on justsuch an exhibition, his respone was enthusiastic. The German public, he explaine, knows far less about the Grat War than we do. In Britain the outstanding poetry spawned by the conflict is as familiz as the finest paintings by Pal Nash and Stanley Spence. We have an excellent collectin in the Imperial War Museum. Berlin possesses no equivaent.

Moreover, Hitler hated any Germa artist brave enough to depict the horror of the First World War. He made sure than many of them, including Max Beckmann, Otto Dix, George Grosz and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, were ruthlessly pilloried as "Degenerates".

Rather than shying away from such a troubled subject, Stölzl relished the opportunity to shed fresh light on it. Two years ago, he was responsible for bringing to Berlin a major reconstruction of Hitler's "Degenerate Art" exhibition. And now he committed himself to joining with the Barbican, on a show for which I have selected more than 200 works by 80 artists, from Europe, Russia, Canada and the United States.

The building he secured for the exhibition is probably the most admired architectural masterpiece in Berlin: the Altes Museum, designed in the 1820s by Karl Friedrich Schinkel and recently restored to its original neo-Classical grandeur. I cannot think of a more inspiring location for a survey that brings together two great cities who fought on opposite sides.

The heart of this exhibition, which has just opened in Berlin and travels on to the Barbican in September, is concerned with avant-garde artists. Many of them were exposed to harsh conditions at the front. And their growing awareness of the horror prompted them to question the widespread initial view that the war was a heroic adventure, certain to be "over by Christmas".

Their scepticism came to be shared by an increasing number of artists who, through infirmity, age or pacifist principles, stayed at home. As the casualties reached ever more sickening proportions, nobody remained immune to the losses involved. Doubt turned to pessimism, anger and even passionate opposition. Censorship occurred when artists working on state-funded commissions, such as Christopher Nevinson in England and Max Slevogt in Germany, produced images which flouted government edicts about how the struggle should be depicted. Although some painters lapsed into anodyne banality when they became official war artists, others used the patronage to reveal the full, desolating reality of the killing fields.

More, perhaps, than any other major international strife, the First World War had such a powerful effect on its participating artists that they produced an extraordinary range of eloquent work. Surprisingly enough, no attempt has previously been made to bring together and examine the international array of images elicited by the First World War. Nobody has devoted either a book or an exhibition to an assessment of the war art produced on both sides of the Atlantic. So the Berlin survey, coinciding with the publication of my book *A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War*, aims to make a start in redressing the balance.

Why do so many images of the Great War carry such a potent charge? One answer surely lies in the unprecedented ferocity of the struggle. The full, battering force of 20th-century weaponry was unleashed during the conflict's protracted course, and the result made everyone revise their preconceptions about the nature of modern warfare. The spiralling human cost, amounting in the end to around 12 million deaths, soon came to seem out of all proportion to the infinitesimal military gains. The obscenity of what Ezra Pound condemned as "the war waste", when he grieved over the death of his friend Gaudier-Brzeska, created incredulity, anger and revulsion. Anyone with a potent imagination was bound to be affected, and the generation embroiled in the fighting contained an unusually high number of outstanding young artists.

For the outbreak of the First World War coincided with an exceptional period of ferment and vitality in Western painting and sculpture. The proliferation of avant-garde movements in the pre-war years had led to a quickening pace, with noisy and often highly competitive groups committing themselves to extreme renewal. Although their energy was bound to be partially swallowed up in military enlistment and active service, an impressive number of artists refused to let the war prevent them from working.

> The war coincided with an exceptional period of vitality in Western art

Even when ensnared in frontline engagements, they often showed great resourcefulness in using whatever materials came to hand. While Léger made a collaged painting on a fragment of wooden shell-crate, Beckmann produced a mural in a soldiers' delousing house. Gaudier-Brzeska stole an enemy's Mauser rifle and countered its "powerful image of brutality" by breaking off the butt, carving in it a design which "tried to express a gentler order of feeling".

Derain was equally adaptable, using discarded shell cases to make a series of mask-like metal sculptures. As for Klee, he regularly used his scissors to cut off the linen covering crashed planes and paint on it during his limited amount of spare time.

All the same, this ingenious harnessing of military materials could not solve the central problem of conveying war's reality. The title of my book comes from a phrase coined by Paul Nash, whose paintings and drawings of 1918 are definitive images of the battlefield at its most desolate. Nash had earlier been lucky to survive his spell as a second lieutenant in the trenches of St Eloi. Only three days after he was sent home with a broken rib, many of his fellow officers were slaughtered in a futile attack on Hill 60.

His first watercolours of the front were oddly lyrical affairs, with names as inconsequential as *Chaos Decoratif*. After his return as an official war artist in November 1917, though, Nash's privileged position led to a profound sense of moral disgust. Despite the comforts provided by a manservant and chauffeur-driven car, he insisted on travelling across the most devastated and dangerous areas of winter terrain where the Passchendaele campaign had just been fought. Appalled by the mud-clogged landscape, Nash reported that "it is unspeakable, godless, hopeless. I am no longer an artist interested and curious, I am a messenger who will bring back word from the men who are fighting to those who want the war to go on for ever. Feeble, inarticulate, will be my message, but it will have a bitter truth, and may it burn their lousy souls."

● *The exhibition continues at the Altes Museum, Berlin until August 28. Richard Cork's new book, A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War, is published on June 23 by Yale University Press at £45*

AROUND THE GALLERIES: Selected exhibitions of contemporary art

Roger Ackling's method of making work is labour-intensive in the extreme. With the aid of a magnifying glass and natural sunlight he burns close, parallel lines on to pieces of driftwood found washed up on the beach. The resulting works function both in two and three dimensions, with the lines acting as a controlling influence. Ackling's installation at Annely Juda shows him more at ease than ever with the scale he uses. Instead of the fruits of private activity, these are public pieces in which a balance between "sacred" object and aesthetic appearance is achieved.
Annely Juda Fine Art, 23 Dering St, London W1 (071-629 7578, until June 25

☐ Gillian Wearing's latest exhibition shows a move from still photography to video box. Attracting misplaced accusations of exploitation, Wearing merely sets up vehicles through which others speak. In one room there is a row of life-size singing heads. People had been invited to sing along to their favourite music played through a Walkman. Their expressions are rapt, protected by an invisible wall of sound. They can't hear us, but we can certainly hear them. It is a cacophony of tuneless incident, a moaning of almost biblical proportions. Opposite this line-up Wearing evens the score with film of herself dancing to no music in the vaulted hall of Peckham shopping centre. All is unconnected.

In another room chairs are provided for a film show of confessions by people in disguise. The volunteers' eagerness to be interviewed is clear. A kindly man wearing a mask and a cloak explains his particular weakness, while another talks about indecent phone calls, a real moustache bristling under his mask.

Wearing makes two-way portraits. She uses contemporary media to push fantasy, desire and isolation right back at us. She captures the fragmented nature of people's realities without a glimmer of voyeurism.
Interim Art, 21 Beck Road, London E8 (071-254 9607) until July 23

☐ After finding his paintings clogged up with "too much narrative" Alexander Guy decided to cut down on the subject-matter and paint the things in his room. One by one, a pair of trousers, a typewriter, a log-effect electric fire, an ashtray with cigarette butts have been drawn into separate pictures. There is a hint of Latin American "magic realism" in the style and method. Despite their simplicity, the details in the objects rise to the surface to give an illusion of relief.
Gilmour Gallery, 1 Colville Place, London W1 (071-637 4863), until July 8

☐ Ed Whittaker was so influenced by current German photography that he started to take photographs himself. The four pictures he shows in this bare and exposed shopfront gallery are of road intersections, signs, high-ridged verges and dockside roundabouts: places which are nowhere in particular. The photographs were taken abroad, so that specific references — of a sign to, say, Bexhill-on-Sea or Stratford-upon-Avon — are avoided. Despite the influence of other photographs, Whittaker's concerns are his own. Better known as a painter, he is fascinated more by the emptiness of these unyielding images than by what they actually contain.
96a Curtain Road, London EC2 (081-981 3306), to July 3

☐ Artworks placed in semi-derelict buildings are often overpowered by atmosphere. It is difficult not to give in to nostalgia, to the details that show the history of a place. The Empire Hotel in the centre of Bath has been empty for some time. With heavily stuccoed ceilings and a patchwork of carpet and paint, it must have been difficult for artists to make an impression. However, Susan Derge's enormous photographic detail of a beehive is powerful on the wall of the bar, while the "natural" hacked wood sculpture of David Nash works well in opposition to the mock-classical grandeur of the faded ballroom.
Bath Festivals Trust 0225 462231, until June 20

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THEATRE: Mixed fortunes from Stafford-Clark's new company; and, below, a Victorian revival

Visions from a different hell

DONALD COOPER



David Howey as Philip, with Toby Salaman as Charles and Pam Ferris as the Queen in *The Queen and I*

Road/The Queen and I
Royal Court

SCHEDULED to play here for at least the next two months, on the same dreary set representing a filthy street, Jim Cartwright's moving drama *Road* is down for two performances a week and Sue Townsend's disappointing squib *The Queen and I* for five. The ratio appears to be a response to perceived public demand, where the sight of actors playing members of the royal family, struggling to survive on social security in a Leicester housing estate, exerts greater pull than those same actors playing genuine no-hopers in a Lancashire dead end.

The productions are the first to emerge from Max Stafford-Clark's new company, Out of Joint. Each play draws attention to the rotting mess of wasted lives in modern England — *Road* was originally produced in 1987 but only looks out of date in its lack of reference to drugs. In both plays the ills of contemporary city life are placed firmly on the doorstep of unemployment.

In *Road* Toby Salaman's roguish linkman takes us into a score of rooms, picking up fragments of broken lives. The frenzy for obliterating pain through drink and sex provides scenes of raucous comedy, spilling out from the stage into the auditorium, so that a tart can chase her man all round the dress circle. Yet Cartwright's play is also a lament for a vanished England. "I cannot see how that time could turn into this time," mourns David Howey's ex-National Serviceman, recalling, with tears in his eyes, the days when everyone felt special and safe.

Still as powerful in its despair and dignity is the scene where two teenagers (Pearce Quigley, Amelia Bullmore) get into bed together and starve themselves to death. Nothing in *The Queen and I* approaches this, nor attempts to, but in her original book Townsend was able to hit more vehemently at this country's decline. But while Townsend's stage version retains the sour comedy of the Queen's adventure in the DSS office, where in despair she is forced to play the corgi card, there is now a top-heavy burden of snappy abuse springing from the marital squabbles and extra-marital preoccupations of Charles and Diana.

I missed the sardonic danger of Ian Dury, who originally played Scullery, the linkman in *Road*, but plainly he could not have doubled as Prince Charles, as Salaman is required to do and gets the clenched teeth and tilted head amusingly exact. Doon Mackichan's dim and humourless Diana faithfully reproduces those flapping forearms. As you would expect, the Queen (Pam Ferris) adapts resourcefully to her fall in fortune, and Gillian Hanna's Queen Mother pals up with the West Indian in the bungalow next door: "I've peeled an orange, Lilibet! Look! All by myself!"

But while there is some pleasant class comedy to be extracted as royals plunge deeper into Hell Close, the focus keeps slipping sideways into the marital muck-heap. Fatally, the structure suffers terminal damage from the role-doubling. Because Salaman also plays a neighbour we see too little of him as Charles; likewise the tearaway Prince William (Pearce Quigley who must also come on as a policeman and a simpleton housewife. Any sour feelings at the end will not be about country's downfall but at the play's failure to make a better dramatic impact from it.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Colour-coded curiosity

Caste
BAC, Battersea

ADRIAN Lester (who played Poitier, *the intruder into high society in Six Degrees of Separation*) and Lolita Chakrabarti have a new baby: the multi-racial Ensemble Theatre Company. Their first project, a curate's egg under Brigid Panet's disappointing direction, is a Victorian revival: Thomas William Robertson's artistically wobbly but politically aware *Caste*.

Written in 1856 and a precursor of *Pygmalion* in several respects, Robertson's comedy concerns breaking the ranks of the British class system. *Caste* depicts the courtship and marriage of George (Lester), doing all right, and Esther (Chakrabarti) not so good, an aristocrat and a commoner who has earned her living dancing, like her sister Polly (the lively Corrine Martin) and supporting their do-little father. This production brings out another area of segregation and prejudice — race — sidelined in the story, where George pops off to India between acts to subdue the natives.

The play hints at a parallel between British imperialism and the incivility of the well-bred towards their own under-classes. The Ensemble, often casting against expected caste, raise these issues more clearly, albeit with complexity. George and his mother, the Marquise, are black, the working-class men white. The trouble-causing marriage is now cross-cultural.

Robertson's play offers sentimental romance including clunkingly artificial dialogue (lovers gaze into each other's eyes and fill us in on plot developments) and some startlingly funny lines. The playwright is still dealing in comic caricature: Gerridge the gas man, Polly's sweetheart, talks of his feelings in terms of blown boilers. Yet he does have a shot at combining that with accuracy (the nitty-gritty of Gerridge's business).

Robertson was hailed by contemporaries as the founder of the school of naturalism. The trouble is that several actors in the current production haven't been attending. Graham Arnold, playing George's friend, manages to be twerpish and dashing but Johnny Wade's Eccles, Esther's perpetually boozing father, is staggeringly inauthentic. Meanwhile, George's domineering mother, outraged about the wedding, should be far more of a dragon than Maureen Hibbert's merely quenched Marquise.

KATE BASSETT

JAZZ: A new guitar hero bursts onto the scene

A crowd-pleasing talent

Tony Rémy
Jazz Café

SCREAMING "Boo!! Boo!!" might seem an eccentric way for a crowd to demand an encore, but anyone who has seen the jazz album chart recently will recognise the word as the memorably expressive title of guitarist Tony Rémy's debut recording. Like the album, an immediately accessible mix of funk, jazz and soul, Rémy's live act is at once a sure-fire crowd-pleaser and a demonstration of a natural, unquenchable improvisational talent.

Although Rémy might appear to have burst overnight onto the scene as a fully formed guitar hero, he has arrived at his current popularity largely through dedication and sheer hard work. He first came to public attention with flautist Phillip Bent's promising but short-lived jazz-funk band in the mid-1980s, but truly found his feet with an outfit rather unpromisingly named Desperately Seeking Fusion (DSF). Even then, six years ago, he was clear-headed about his career aims, stating: "There's a gap in the UK market. Apart from Morrissey-Mullen, there are no fusion bands here, certainly nothing like Weather Report or the Yellowjackets."

Since then, Rémy has patiently exploited this gap, building up a following by constant gigging, not only with DSF but with his own, world-music influenced band Lateral Thinking. His core constituency, however, has always been a funk, groove oriented audience, and for solid power Rémy's current working quartet, which somehow combines the easy fluency of a friend's jamming band with the fierce tightness of the best US fusion units, is simply unmatched this side of the Atlantic.

Rémy's influences — Jimi Hendrix, Albert King, John Scofield — are clearly discernible in all he plays, but he has nevertheless managed to produce a wholly individual sound not over-indebted to any of them. His compositions, too, are at first hearing archetypal fusion fare — arresting, strident themes set to hypnotically repetitive riffs punched out by long-time associates, bassist Nick Chen and drummer Peter Lewinson — but they all contain felicitous, unexpected melodic twists.

These enable both Rémy and his front-line partner Roger Beaujolais, on midi-vibes (which can be tellingly transformed into an organ when necessary), to stretch out in fleet, sure-footed jazz solos, thus crucially levering the whole band sound.

With his undoubted talent and charisma and his recently acquired US-label backing, Rémy, now nearly 32, looks set to keep crowds "booing" for many years to come.

CHRIS PARKER

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

HOME. Paul Eddington and Richard Briers step into roles created by Gielgud and Ralph Richardson. David Storey's eloquently moving play set in a mental home.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens June 21.

MANIFESTO! Deserving a prize for originality, at least. Volcano Theatre presents what sounds like a bizarre theatrical version of Karl Marx's Communist manifesto. Marx and Engels, Mayakovsky and Koestler, do battle over the corpse of communism.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs.

TURNING WORLD. The South Bank presents the UK premiere of *Mountains Made of Barking*, choreographed by **Wim Vandekeybus**, as part of the international dance festival. This work is said to be typically physical and ironic with Mary Herbert (from Adventures in Motion Pictures's *Nutcracker*) and the blind Moroccan performer Said Gharbi amongst the company.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR. Comedy-murder-thriller and cod documentary, **Dilemma for Murder** is set in a breakfast television studio.

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Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (*0635 45044*). *Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, except July 2 and 23, 6.30pm. Mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm; no mat July 2 and 23.*

NEWCASTLE. Scottish Opera takes its summer season on the road with a week of mixed repertoire. Donizetti's *L'Elisir D'Amore*, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Britten's *Peter Grimes* and Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*. There is limited seat availability for some performances.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). *Tonight-Fri, 7.15pm. Sat, 5pm.*

PLYMOUTH. In the unlikely setting of the Drill Shed, HMS Drake, a new opera will be unveiled tonight. Called **Arion and the Dolphin**, it has a libretto by the much praised novelist Vikram Seth, music by Alec Roth, and the involvement not only of professional soloists and orchestra but of a great many local children, teachers and townspeople. The story is Greek mythology updated, the production by the specially-formed Dolphin Opera is promised to be spectacular.
HMS Drake, Plymouth (tickets from Theatre Royal box office, 0752 267222). Tonight-Sun (not Thur), 7.30pm.

SWINDON. Rambert Dance Company has so far presented strong and entertaining performances under its new artistic director Christopher Bruce. This week's programme includes his new work *Crossing*, set to Henryk Górecki's String Quartet No 2, and the premiere of Mark Baldwin's fourth piece for Rambert Dance. Other works on offer are revivals of Bruce's previous work: his folk music *Sergeant's Early Dream* and the immensely powerful and intense *Land*. Pre-performance talks tonight and Fri, post-performance on Wed.
Wyvern, Theatre Square (0793 524481). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Accademia Italiana: Michelangelo at Home (071-225 3474) . . . **Barbican:** Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141) . . **British Museum:** Modern Japanese Prints 1912-1989, Woodcut Series of William Nicholson (071-636 1555) . . **National Gallery:** Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785) . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Portraits in Disguise (071-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy:** Goya (071-439 7438) . . **Victoria & Albert:** The Glass Gallery (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Religion, sex, Aids, corrupt politics: a vision of America at the edge of disaster. Tony Kushner's award-winning *Millennium Approaches* and its sequel *Perestroika*.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7pm, mat Thurs, 1pm.

☐ **ARCADIA.** Tom Stoppard's wonderfully witty comedy, part historical romance and part literary detective story and adding up to marvelous theatre. Joanne Pearce and Roger Allam star. Trevor Nunn directs.
Haymarket, Haymarket, W1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

CASTE. Tom Robertson's 1856 drama, challenging disapproval of marriage across the classes, given a fresh interpretation in this revival by the multi-racial Ensemble Company. Adrian Lester and Lolita star. See review, right.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Sun, 5.30pm. Until July 3.

THE CRYPTOGRAM: Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard (making his debut in legit theatre) star in the world premiere of David Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships. Gregory Mosher directs, designs by Bob Crowley.
Ambassadors, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens June 29, 7pm.

■ **KING LEAR.** Robert Stephens's towering performance in Adrian Noble's production, successfully transferred from Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7pm.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE. Cheek by jowl per their teeth into Shakespeare's drama of corruption and hypocrisy in high places. A timely play for the Nineties. With Adam Kotz and Anastasia Hille.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens June 17, 7pm. Until July 16.

☐ **THE NUN.** Diderot's 1760 novel in dialogue adapted for this enterprising theatre company. Unpublished till after the French Revolution, it attacks the enforced celibacy of the religious life.
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Rd, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tue-Sun, 8pm, until June 26.

◪ **PERICLES.** Phyllida Lloyd's whirling, whooping, no-gymmick-barred and not so wonderful production of what can be a beautiful play.
National, (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm.

☐ **ROUGH JUSTICE.** Martin Shaw and Diana Quick star as prisoner and prosecuting counsel respectively in Terence Frisby's murder trial drama with a twist.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

THYESTES. Caryl Churchill's version of Seneca's gory tragedy. How Agamemnon's father killed his nephews and brought a curse on the house of Atreus.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE WEEKEND.** Richard Wilson plays an old grouch (what else?) receiving unwelcome guests, in Michael Pellin's first West End play. Angela Thorne also stars, as the long-suffering wife. Thin stuff.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until July 9.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) . . ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Dead Funny:** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) . . ☐ **Hot Shoe Shuffle:** Queens (071-494 5040) ☐ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Plot:** Piccadilly, until June 18 (071-867 1116) ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0056) . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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The prevailing tone of the Tonys — self-congratulation mixed with selfeception — was set even befe the ceremonies went out i network television. On carthe mayor of New York, Rudph Giuliani, to tell the cele and producers gathereon the Gershwin Theatre thate had decided to miss a big sketball game in recognitin of the megabucks their indtry was earning the city. "Yos is a very difficult busess," he said, "and you do better than any place in the brld."

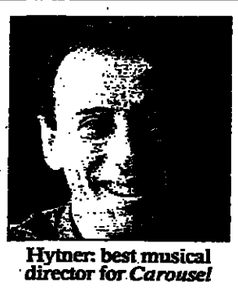
Vll, yes and no. During the ason just ended, Broadwa box-office managers tool record $356 million; but the still sold many fewer sea for many fewer shows tha in the late 1970s and ear 1980s. The industry has sor way to go before the apoeosis prophesied for it by te late Joseph Papp: a sin show performed for a sin night for the single oil shsh prepared to pay half a billn dollars for a place in theatls. But rising costs, and pris that will hit $75 a seat thicoming season, continue to ve it in that direction.

The Tony ceremonies proceeded to prove Giuliani complacent in another respect. If New York producers were so uniquely successful, why did all those people with funny English accents keep coming to the mike to accept golden medallions?

There was Diana Rigg in a black trouser suit, best actress for her performance in *Medea*. There was Stephen Daldry, best director of a play for *An Inspector Calls*, and Nicholas Hytner, best director of a musical for *Carousel*.

Moreover, each had recreated a production first staged at the National, and each of their productions managed to catch several other Tonys in its creative net.

It would have been pretty illogical if Daldry's surreal updating of J.B. Priestley had not also won the award for best revival of a play; and it duly did so, as well as awards for its lighting designer, Rick Fisher, and a "featured" actress, Jane Adams. Hytner's graceful redesign of Rodgers and Hammerstein was equally predictably proclaimed best revival of a musical, and won awards for its scenic designer, Bob Crowley, and for the "featured" actress who played the suburban Carrie, Audra Ann McDonald. And oh yes, the late Kenneth MacMillan, who was working on *Carousel* when he died in 1992, was given the best-choreography award by two dancers from the current revivals of *Grease* and *Damn Yankees*.



Hytner: best musical director for *Carousel*

TONYS '94 — THE LEADING AWARDS

Best Play: ..... Tony Kushner's *Perestroika*
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Best Musical Revival: ..... *Carousel*
Best Play Revival: ..... *An Inspector Calls*
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Best Actress in a Musical: ..... Donna Murphy, *Passion*
Best Director of a Musical: ..... Nicholas Hytner, *Carousel*
Lifetime Achievement: .... Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy



Daldry: best play director for *An Inspector Calls*

With these two women chirruping incoherently away, and this great eminent hole yawning between them, the Tony ritual momentarily achieved its customary oddity. But in truth this was not one of its barmier years. The winners seemed intimidated by the instructions printed in the programme: "Don't trip. Act surprised. Keep it short. Smile if you don't win (remember the camera)." There was no stumbling, no obvious smugness, no audible sobbing, and a surprising briskness when it came to those thank-yous.

What the television viewers did not know, though, was that the orchestra had orders to strike up when the winner had spoken for 30 seconds and to become deafening after 45. Donna Murphy — best "actress-in-a-musical" for the year's best musical, Stephen Sondheim's *Passion* — managed tearfully to thank her mum and dad twice.

Tony Kushner, whose two-part *Angels in America* has now won consecutive best-play awards, breathlessly if ungrammatically dedicated his victory to "my gay and lesbian brothers all round the world". Daldry had a special mention for his fellow-nominee Ian McNeil, "my designer, my best friend, and indeed my lover". But that was more or less that.

Were the folks in Idaho and Kansas a mite perturbed by these last two acceptance speeches? If so, they hardly had a moment for homophobic reflection, for the celebrities and stimulae were unceasing from the start. A man in a red devil's costume introduced Anthony Hopkins and Amy Irving. Hopkins and Irving trotted in and out, introducing the people who were to introduce the winners. On came Bernadette Peters, Carol Burnett, Tony Randall, Liza Minnelli and Steve Martin, who told an obscurely risqué joke ("You bow at the end and get applause") about acting on Broadway being like sex.

Glenn Close presented the best-actor award to Steven Spinella of *Angels in America* via satellite from Los Angeles and performed a snippet from *Sunset Boulevard*, which she is performing there. There were extracts from several current New York musicals too, as well as a brief appearance by the 106-year-old director and author George Abbott, who managed to gasp "On with the show", before being helped to a chair.

Oddly, it was not he who received the most recently invented Tony, an award for "lifetime achievement in the theatre". That went to Hume Cronyn and his wife Jessica Tandy, who years ago played opposite Gielgud and Olivier, and Marlon Brando in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. She is often called the first lady of the American theatre, a soubriquet that omits a salient fact. Her origins, training, everything are English. Whatever Giuliani said, the 1994 Tonies were not altogether his city's celebration.

And it's good nights from her ... and her

Felicity Lott and Ann Murray, whose duet recital tour hits London this week, are a couple of jokers in perfect harmony. **Rodney Milnes** reports

The divas Felicity Lott and Ann Murray did not sing a note between them, they could stand be enjoying a brilliant careers the best comedy duo since Gert and Daisy (for older readers) or Fred and Saunders (for younger). Each of a conversation meant for serious investigation of their forthcoing duet recital tour is spent with the unfortunate interviewerelpless with laughter.

Murray's technique is based on a poker face, a marginally raised eyebrow and salty putdowns (sometimes of herself), delivered with ser-dry Dublin inflections; Lott is mistress of timing, of the split-second pause before the deflationarne-liner. Heaven help any conductor who got across these two in tandem — and some have. They would stand a chance, but at least they would go down laughing.

Thefirst European recital tour — Munich, Milan, Paris, Venice, Dresden — took place three years ago; thepeat starts tomorrow at the Ora Bastille, moves to the Barbican Hall on Friday, thence to the Ben State Opera and, after a few weeks' break, to the Salzburg Festival.

Howdid it all start? "When we did *Rosenkavalier* in 1987 people saw that we worked well together," Murraysays. "You mean they saw us in bed together," Lott says. Murray (*senza pausa*): "... So if they could get us to stand up there was a fair chance we would sing well together, too." The reference is to theluminous pairing as Octavian and the Marschallin, which has entranced audiences in London and Munich, and they are both "extremely sad" that it is not to be repeated next year at Covent Gardenwhere exigencies of scheduling have meant they will be singinghe roles in alternate casts.

Moreseriously, the duet series grew naturally out of Graham Johnson's Songmakers' Almanac. Two fors coincided: Johnson's encyclopedic knowledge of the repertory, of duets all too seldom performed since the heyday of 19th-century domestic music-making, and the extraordinary blend of Lott's and Murray's voices. It is by no means an obvious blend of similar timbres: Lott's silvery, pure soprano and Murray's musky mezzo complement rather than match each other, and "mezzo" is anyway a rather limiting term for Murray's uncategorisable voice. As she once put it, when she found herself cast in roles that would have been designated *seconda donna* in 18th and 19th-century opera, she settled for mezzo-soprano, "because who wants to be a *seconda* anything?"

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Even more striking is their uncanny musical unanimity. They approach phrasing in precisely the same unfussy fashion, trusting the composer to have done the work rather than supplying appliqué "expression", and when, in Mendelssohn's "Abendlied" or Saint-Saëns's "El desdichado" you seem to be hearing just one voice, you feel this is the result of pure instinct, of great minds thinking alike rather than just hard work.

Both numbers feature in the Barbican programme, along with other groups devised by Johnson both for the previous tour and for the two popular Lott-Murray recital discs on EMI — extracts from Rossini's "Soirées musicales", four scrumptious Brahms duets, Purcell-Britten, Gounod, and Fauré's exquisite "Pleurs d'or" with its bitter-sweet clashes. They say that for the next tour they and Johnson may have to investigate new repertoire, but for the time being why not sing what they know audiences like? "Our interpretations will be fresh and new — we've been exploring them separately for three years," Murray says, an eyebrow raised an eighth of an inch. "Anyway, no two performances are ever the same." Lott (after minuscule pause): "In some of them we even get it right."

Both singers are almost more appreciated in mainland Europe than they are here. Operatically, Murray concentrates on Vienna, Salzburg and Munich; as an unbeatable Strauss soprano Lott has conquered such bastions of the Strauss tradition as Dresden and, indeed, Munich and Vienna. Do they ever feel taken for granted in Britain? "If I am, it's because I want to be," Murray says. "I don't like fuss. I'd rather just get on with it and do my best. I'm not interested in the trappings. I find it takes away from my concentration if I'm thinking all the time about going out to a smart supper afterwards." "Oh, I quite like all that," Lott interjects.

Murray is not to be deflected, this time. "I'm treated wonderfully well at Covent Garden and the Coliseum. In Salzburg you work such long hours you haven't time to work out if you're a star or not. I haul my luggage around there just like everybody else, I don't have cars sent for me."

"Salzburg sent an aeroplane for me once," Lott says, wistfully. "I enjoyed that." That was when she sang the Countess in *Figaro* at a few hours' notice. "But they haven't asked me back for any opera since."

She should worry: before Marschallins with the Vienna Opera in Tokyo, *Capriccios* in Chicago and a plethora of Strauss roles in Dresden, Lott is singing in the Welsh National *Rosenkavalier* next month in Birmingham, Southampton and Bristol. "It's nice to be doing something in England again," she says.

Murray is looking forward to her first Despina at Covent Garden next year, not least because she won't be wearing a bald wig, as in her last three operas — *Mitridate*, *Mosè* and *Giulio Cesare*. The last-named, in Richard Jones's controversial Munich production, was a particular pleasure. "He's so talented and working with him was a joy, as it was with David Alden on *Ariodante* at the Coliseum. They're both so sensitive and musical, yet generous enough to allow me to have ideas of my own."

Far from being imposed on a reluctant singer, the effect of the hero sliding slowly off a roof while singing "Scherza infida" was in fact Murray's notion.

But at present both are relishing the prospect of the duet recital tour, and reliving memories of the last one, of their triumph at La Scala ("It's a lovely warm feeling having a success there"), of a stodgy audience in Venice — "All nine of them ..." (Murray), "... and a dog" (Lott) — and the welcoming warmth of the Wigmore Hall. "When you are there, you feel you have come home," Murray says. "It's such a relaxed atmosphere you don't feel quite so terrified. I'd rather do 9,000 first nights of opera than a single solo recital. But it's easier with F. Lott because I know her so well musically that there are no worries."

"We do enjoy singing together," Lott says, and they confirm, almost in unison, that, "It's all about the joy of making music with someone you know and respect." And it is the way the pleasure of music-making is communicated to audiences that makes the Lott-Murray recitals among the happiest events in the European concert calendar.

● *Felicity Lott and Anne Murray are at the Barbican (071-638 8891) on Friday, 7.30pm*



It's the way they tell them — "When we did *Rosenkavalier* in 1987 people saw that we worked well together," says Ann Murray (right). "You mean they saw us in bed together," Felicity Lott says

POP CONCERTS: Jackson the human jukebox laughs through the tears; an Australian joke that is no longer funny

Playing favourites

Jackson Browne
Albert Hall

Although his voice is sooth as sunshine and his image forever that of a mellow West Coast liberal, there has always been a dark side to Jackson Brown one essential to any understanding of his enduring reputation as an insightful singer and writer. So, while the con of his most recent album might appear to show him eying that most Californian of activities, a dip in the pocclose attention to the lyrics shin prompts a different interpretation.

The ngs on *I'm Alive* are by turnangry, defiant, tender and bve — the work of someon whose world has been ped apart by a love gone wng, and who is trying somehi to piece together his life aga. And the photograph is of man quite literally trying keep his head above water.

That the LP has sold some 200,000 copies in this country despite minimum fanfare says much for the loyalty of Browne's fan base, as does the fact that the London coda to his short British tour was extended from one Albert Hall appearance to two and then three. Backed by one of the best bands brought here by a visiting American in recent times, this most self-effacing of performers seemed determined to show how grateful he was, even if that meant turning himself into a human jukebox.

"Play 'Somebody's Baby'," a voice called out two songs into a lengthy but consistently strong programme. It wasn't on the setlist and, as it represents one of the more lightweight items in his repertoire, he was surprised by the request. "No one ever asks for that, but OK," he said, swapping guitars and launching into its intro.

Then he went back to proving just how good he is and has always been at giving mellifluous voice to some of the thornier subject matter in pop. The new songs were uniformly excellent, "Too Many Angels", "Sky Blue And Black", and "My Problem Is You" among them.

And the older favourites, from "Late For The Sky" to "The Pretender" and "Running On Empty", were as affecting as ever, here in arrangements powered by the dazzling percussion provided by Luis Conte.

By the end the Albert Hall resembled a dance hall, and even the normally reserved were shouting the titles of personal favourites. Browne responded by backing out of the spotlight only after a series of encores that took in almost every request made.

And, to the one fan whose selection escaped his memory, there was more than just an apology. "If you can come back on the third night, I'll have relearnt it by then," he promised.

ALAN JACKSON

Too little, old boy

Rolf Harris
The Forum, NW5

The burning question was: who goes to see Rolf Harris in concert these days? The answer came back loud and slurred: the type of pre-graduate who might visit Gary Glitter's Christmas concert. Live, Harris has passed into the sadly kitsch area inhabited by those no longer funny.

Quite where Harris originally sprang from is anyone's guess: part musician, part raconteur and part, if memory serves, swimming instructor, he lives in that no-man's-land within light entertainment where credentials are requested as rarely as surnames. He is quite simply Rolf and for many that will do.

The vociferous terrace chants of "We love you Rolfy, we do" greeted the silver-haired sexagenarian Australian, but the house was sparsely populated. Undeterred, the consummate entertainer took to the stage with huffing gusto and launched immediately into his well-loved paean to three-legged people the world over, "Jake The Peg". Decked out in a hilarious tripod-style suit, Harris wasted little time in reminding us that his third limb could in fact be an outsized male member. Oh, how we laughed.

He returned, wobble board in hand and leather jacket on back, to perform a friendly, unconvincing version of the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction". There followed a succession of geographically specific renditions of "Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport" which must have stretched the patience even of those who had donned amusing glasses and false beards for the occasion.

The twixt-song banter, delivered in a self-consciously chewy Australian accent, came thick and fast. "I wrote that in 1957," he informed us with impeccable comic timing. "When I was three."

The only true diversion he had to offer came in the arresting form of his genuinely impressive didgeridoo. Having demonstrated the lung-perforating circular breathing technique required to get a note out of the primitive woodwind instrument, he set about a moving instrumental.

Pausing for a swift and breathtakingly uninteresting painting (his other talent), he bowed out with a quick burst on the Stylophone (the mini-synthesizer prototype he attempted to popularise in the early 1970s) and the mawkish military ballad that will always be "Two Little Boys". Another chapter in modern day music-hall was complete.

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Craig and Natalie Bufton are afraid to let their children into the garden because of suspected pollution on their estate in Kenilworth

The thing from beneath

Many families find that their dream homes are built on polluted foundations, says **Richard Meeran**

People are becoming more aware of the health risks posed by pollutants in the environment. Links are now being drawn between respiratory illness and motor vehicle emissions; between arsenic from smelting plants and birth defects and between dioxins and cancer. In many cases, the awareness is prompting people to seek redress through the courts.

The latest issue to arouse public concern is contaminated land, where huge quantities of toxic waste have been buried underground. There are hundreds of such sites throughout the country, particularly in areas such as the West Midlands. Houses have been built on many of them. But because there has been no system of registration, identification of them is difficult and few people have any idea about the nature of the land beneath their homes.

Such land is thought to pose a risk to health for several reasons. First, because of the possible build-up of methane as the organic material decomposes; in 1986 a house in Loscoe, Derbyshire, exploded. Second, because of the concentration of what may be toxic materials in the land, such as heavy metals, phenols and coal-tar residues. Third, because of the hazards caused by dangerous objects, such as glass, which can resurface. Such health risks have blighted home values.

Some residents are taking legal action. Three cases highlight the issues. The residents of Winsor Park Estate in Beckton, east London, which was built in 1990 and comprises approximately 700 houses, complain of persistent stomach upsets, skin rashes and headaches for the past two years. The properties are owned by seven housing associations and let to council-nominated tenants. The site is one of many gasworks sites around the country.

Local doctors are concerned about the incidence of such illnesses. Unfortunately, until recently, their concerns do not appear to have been taken seriously by the local authority or the housing associations.

A series of tapwater tests revealed the presence of high levels of sewage bacteria in samples from a number of properties. High levels of phenols, mercury and hydrocarbons were also detected. These chemicals are known to be present in some gasworks sites. Phenols are known to cause stomach upsets and phenols and hydrocarbons are also known to be capable of permeating some water pipes.

Strange though it may seem, the fact that the estate was built on land of this kind may also have led to mosquito infestation. For the past two years (especially during the warmer months but at a lower level also in winter) residents have complained bitterly of frequent and extensive mosquito bites. One resident counted 57 bites on her body at one time.

Recent investigations by an entomologist indicate that the mosquitoes are breeding in the sub-floor voids under the houses. Vents at the bases of the properties are designed to release methane gas that has accumulated owing to the decomposition of degradable waste. Unfortunately, these vents appear to have provided a convenient access for mosquitoes. About 80 of the residents have been given legal aid to sue.

In a another case, Craig and Natalie Bufton say that years of waste dumping has contaminated the ground on which their home is built in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Their home is one of 88 built in 1981 by Barratt Sutton Coldfield.

The Buftons bought their one-bedroomed property in 1988 for about £50,000 with a 95 per cent mortgage. They had no idea that their property was built on contaminated land, let alone the risks associated with it. Nine months later, high methane levels were detected on the site.

Predictably, a corresponding dramatic devaluation of properties on the estate followed. Mr and Mrs Bufton, who have three children, live in overcrowded conditions and are unable to move. They have also been afraid to allow their children to play outside. They are suing Barratt and their surveyor.

One of the central legal issues in this and other cases is precisely when the risks associated with landfill ought to have been recognised. Builders and others may argue that at the time the homes were built, the risks associated with methane build-up were not foreseeable.

In a third case involving an estate in Sevenoaks, Kent, a surveyor did (in 1985) draw attention to the potential risks of landfill gas and advised the purchasers to ask the builders whether or not any refuse had been deposited on the site. The builders assured the purchasers that the site contained only builders' rubble and the couple went ahead and bought the property.

Significant levels of landfill gas have been detected on the estate and it is now clear that substantial quantities of decomposable rubbish had been dumped on the site. The builder is now in liquidation.

Civil compensation claims (for personal injury and property loss) are bound to proliferate. The scope of potential liability is wide: actions could be directed against local authorities who were careless in granting planning permission; against builders, developers; against (in the case of tenants) housing associations and even water authorities if contaminated water is supplied. Mortgage lenders whose security is threatened may also pursue cases.

With hundreds of cases potentially in the pipeline, action at the crucial planning stage should be taken urgently, to ensure greater controls.

● The author is a partner with Leigh Day & Co and is acting in the above cases

Too many parties spoil the case

Today the Legal Aid Board calls for wide-ranging reform to the way multi-party or class actions are run by the legal system. Recent years have seen the continuing growth in our courts of a phenomenon known as multi-party litigation. In these actions large numbers of claims are brought which all relate to the same product or event. The most dramatic example to date is perhaps the Benzodiazepine action in which some 13,000 claimants received legal aid to pursue claims relating to tranquillisers such as Ativan or Valium.

The total cost to the Legal Aid Fund may be as high as £35 million, but not one of the claims has come anywhere near trial or received a penny in settlement.

Litigation is always costly and uncertain, so it is inevitable that complex and expensive actions will run into difficulties from time to time. But it is becoming clear that there are fundamental problems with multi-party actions which must be squarely faced. That is why the board today has published its wide-ranging report to the Lord Chancellor on the subject. The report looks at the problems and recommends a number of reforms, both within the legal aid system and beyond.

> There are fundamental problems with multi-party actions

The board and the courts have developed some new procedures for handling these actions and improvements have been made. However, the reality is that both the legal aid system and the courts are creaking under the strain. Both were designed to look at individual claims, not at groups of similar claims as a whole. Neither is at present ideally suited to doing so. A multi-party action is a special type of beast and it requires special rules.

Ninety per cent of the cost of the tranquillisers claims was spent on investigating and progressing each individual claim to the extent required by the court. This cost has largely been borne by the legal aid fund, or taxpayer, as 93 per cent of the plaintiffs had legal aid.

Investigating the merits of individual claims is an expensive process and when there is an almost unlimited number of potential claimants the overall cost is huge. With the benefit of much hindsight the money would have been far better spent on getting on with a trial of the central issues in the action.

Of course, some individual claims must be progressed, but it is undesirable to spend more money finding out whether an action is viable than it would cost to take a viable action to trial.

Today we recommend a new approach, with courts placing greater emphasis on the central issues in the action rather than on the individual claims. This should be backed up by new rules of court creating a clear framework for these actions where none exists at present. Such rules would allow claimants to start proceedings by joining a register of claimants, with only a sample of claims being investigated in detail to allow the central issues to be identified and the action as a whole to be assessed.

Even with such rules, it may be that in some cases a multi-party action may not be needed at all if individual test cases are a better vehicle for resolving the issues.

In a complex case such as the tranquillisers action the board and the plaintiffs call for opinions from experienced leading counsel, whose skills lie in providing objective assessments on the merits of cases. We find it surprising therefore that Dr Anthony Barton suggests (*The Times*, April 19, 1994) that the problems of the actions would be avoided if the board had taken further independent advice. The fundamental problem lies not with the decision to grant legal aid but with keeping the action cost effective once legal aid is granted.

In any event, many important legal aid decisions are taken by the board's area committees. These are made up of independent lawyers bringing their experience to bear on the case. We are proposing an extension of this system and in addition a new power for area offices to refer applications for legal aid in these cases to special area committees, whether or not the area office would have granted legal aid.

Many other options for reform can be considered. The purpose of public funding in these cases should be addressed. Should the test for funding be based on the merits of individual claims as now — that is, whether an individual private client would be advised to litigate — or should there be wider concerns of general public interest? Nor should it be assumed that adversarial court proceedings are the best way to resolve issues raised by some multi-party actions, especially drug cases. It may be that a specialist investigative tribunal with more medical than legal input would be better suited to the task. These are issues which we hope the Lord Chancellor will look at.

The board aims to provide access to justice for claimants and value for money for the taxpayer. Multi-party actions in their present form often provide neither. Reform is urgently needed.

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NICK Hawkins MP, the new chairman of the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry has launched a direct attack on Neil Addison, the elected Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) representative on the Bar Council. Mr Hawkins wrote in the BACFI Bulletin that the big issue this year was "distancing ourselves" from Addison "who is causing a great deal of upset amongst the rest of the Bar Council by his extremely provocative, counter-productive and unhelpful speeches ... I understand that the other CPS people are also trying hard to distance themselves from him. They can see and hear the damage he is doing to their cause."

Mr Addison says: "It is the first I've heard of any of this and it's completely untrue. I don't believe in personal abuse or personal attacks. Nick Hawkins has never come to me to talk about any of this and I wish he had done so. I was elected by the entire employed Bar and not just the CPS and I came top of the poll. Perhaps he is rankled that he is only an unelected member of the Bar Council."

Canny Scots lead

SCOTLAND seems to be taking a lead again — this time in moving disputes out of the courts. The Law Society there has launched an alternative disputes resolution service, offering clients "a cost-effective, quick and efficient alternative" to litigation or arbitration.

The new service, called Accord, provides trained and accredited solicitor-mediators to help parties to reach a negotiated settlement and also to advise on whether a dispute is suitable for ADR. There is a clear pricing structure and costs are borne equally by each side. Eight solicitors are accredited to offer the service. In the next few months the number of lawyers is expected to reach 75.

Looking north

NABARRO Nathanson seems set to switch its Yorkshire headquarters to Sheffield. The firm opened a northern office in Doncaster when it took over British Coal's legal work, but the premises were never suitable for a big commercial law firm. Sheffield is a good location for Nabarro, which does coal and local government work, and the firm is also reportedly headhunting commercial lawyers. Nabarro said the idea was only one of the options it was considering.

Humane move

HELEN Ward, a top divorce lawyer and wife of Mr Justice Ward — recently nominated the most "humane" family division judge in a survey by Legal Business — has left Penningtons to work with Jane Simpson at Manches.

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Open ear when Brussels spouts

How can UK firms keep up with European law, asks Edward Fennell

The Government was clearly taken aback by the ruling of the European Court of Justice last week that this country is in breach of European law over workers' rights. But the ruling came as no surprise to European lawyers. Martin Coleman, who heads a team of six lawyers in the Brussels office of Norton Rose, said: "There is always a degree of unpredictability in the court's decisions, but last week's was no bolt from the blue."

In the wake of the Euro elections the balance of power within European law-making may be about to change. Maastricht gave the European Parliament greater powers of veto and EU observers suspect the new MEPs may start to flex those muscles in the run-up to the inter-governmental conference in 1996.

"An important part of our job in Brussels is to understand how the European Commission's mind is working," Mr Coleman said. "In the past, the European Parliament has not had much influence. We may now have to be more alert to MEPs' views as they exercise more influence over legislation."

European lawyers now avidly cultivate links with commission bureaucrats so that they can understand their priorities in enforcing European law. Many regulations are issued but not all are enforced. A good European lawyer must be able to advise clients on the prospects for enforcement — not cynicism but commercial realism.

Norton Rose, as a big London-based law firm, has the resources to have people on the ground dedicated to specialising in contacts and lobbying. The result is a two-way day-in, day-out dialogue with officials. The gleanings of these exchanges then appear in the weekly briefings issued to all fee earners, and the up-to-the-minute expertise is shared throughout the firm.

But as European law impinges more and more at all levels, how can smaller firms keep up? Only by increased co-operation between firms themselves. Mackrell International, led from the United Kingdom by Mackrell Turner Garrett, was originally set up as a network of reliable medium-sized firms for the mutual referring of work. Its potential as a vehicle for exchanging expertise on European law soon emerged, however, and it now has a committee of three lawyers from London, Brussels and Hamburg to act as a focus for European knowledge.

Jurgen Sparr, the Hamburg lawyer, has worked in the commission and still retains links there. "By virtue of Jurgen Sparr's contacts, we feel that we have our ear to the ground within the commission itself while our Brussels colleague provides us with someone on the spot," Martin John, the London committee member, says. "We also have the benefit of advice from a professor of European law at Brussels University and a former academic here in London."

Meanwhile, for members of LawNet, the national network of smaller firms, the route into commission thinking is via a monthly newsletter produced by Joseph Dalby, a UK-qualified barrister based in Brussels with a European law practice. The LawNet network has its own internal LawNet Europe association, which is a member of the Eurolegis EEIG (European Economic Interest Grouping).

Even the smallest firm in LawNet has access to almost 600 law firms throughout Europe (but chiefly within the European Union) who can advise on local application of European law plus an understanding of the commission perspective.

As a commission official said last week, "The raw material of European integration is the law." So whether we have a multi-speed Europe or one which proceeds at a single, snail's pace in the run-up to the inter-governmental conference, European law is at the heart of the political debate and the need not to get caught napping by Euro law is greater than ever.

Workers may yet lose damages

The characterisation of last week's European Court ruling as a "landmark" case may have more to do with politics than their significance in labour law. The court held that our Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 — or TUPE — does not properly implement the European Court's Acquired Rights Directives 1977.

This requires employers to inform and consult employees when planning redundancies or transferring workers between businesses. TUPE had (wrongly, the court said) limited the obligation to consulting with recognised trade unions. What is the impact of the ruling? In the private sector, none. It has no immediate effect until the regulations are amended.

In the public sector the directive had direct application. It has been suggested that the ruling clears the way for substantial compensation claims arising from the termination of employment or detrimental changes to terms, particularly in the context of past privatisations and compulsory competitive tendering.

However, "landmark" rhetoric aside, it is causationally very difficult to link this type of claim to a real or imagined failure to inform and consult in accordance with the directive. Interest will centre on how the UK proposes to amend TUPE, particularly as the European court judgment concerning the UK's implementation of the directive on collective redundancies (more than ten) raises the same consultation requirement.

In the meantime, the "landmark" decision can be expected to join similarly described predecessors, which cumulatively, rather than individually, have transformed the scope and application of TUPE over recent years.

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Julia Bracewell, lawyer and Olympian, outside Middle Temple

Woman out to foil the bullies

An Olympian is building up her practice in the neglected area of sports law

Women are still in short supply in the world of sport. Whether playing, coaching, managing or running a sport, they are still found more often in the spectator stands. But Olympic fencer Julia Bracewell hopes the Brighton Declaration will change all that. The declaration, agreed by some 300 delegates from 82 countries at a Sports Council conference last month, is the first international policy for women in sport and is likely to be adopted by the United Nations.

Bracewell, who chaired the group that drafted the policy, says it represents a "major milestone in the development of sporting opportunities for women". The declaration's ten guiding principles will govern decision-making and seek to prevent discrimination. She says: "If you are providing a sport, what do women need to encourage them to be involved? There aren't enough women generally — not just taking part but in the administration, coaching, running the facilities. They are not there in sufficient numbers at all levels."

> 'In some of the more male-dominated sports, women often don't stay the distance'

She is well placed to do something about it. A commercial lawyer with the City law firm Gouldens, Julia Bracewell is not only a leading sportswoman in her own field, she has also been appointed a member of the Sports Council for three years and in her daily work is developing sports law expertise — she is contributing to the new edition of Edward Grayson's *Sport and the Law*.

The lack of women in sport can mean their voice is not heard when decisions are made, whether at an amateur or professional level, Ms Bracewell says. "It can be difficult; women have got other pressures on their time. In some of the more male-dominated sports, women often don't stay the distance — they perhaps go for the social rather than the competitive aspects of the game and then they won't get on to the top bodies."

She cites the recent rumpus over membership of golf clubs. Many clubs do not allow women to play at weekends and deny women voting rights. "Recently many of these clubs were able to claim VAT rebates under new Customs and Excise rules. But there is argument over whether the rebates belong to the clubs or members. If women have no voting rights, they have no say in how the money should be spent — say, on a crèche, or for lights in the car park."

Increasingly, law is playing a part in regulating sport. The Law Commission is looking at how far the law should intervene in games themselves. Ms Bracewell, who was the UK representative to the Council of Europe's recent meeting in Malta on sport and legislation, takes the view that the law does not stop at the boundary of the pitch. "Obviously, the law has to be involved: law is part of society. One can't have it both ways; we can't argue that sport is for the social good, and yet that we can't regulate what society thinks is right on the sports field. I would like to see the law clarified to protect players — what you see in public sport one day is done in schools the next."

She points to the recent brawl in the rugby match between England and South Africa in which Tim Rodber was sent off. "Players tend to do what they can get away with — there should be much tougher sanctions imposed, and not just on players but on referees and on governing bodies."

It is two years since Ms Bracewell was fencing for the Olympic team in Barcelona. After taking time out from the sport to get back to her work she is now in training two or three evenings a week. "I am going to see if I can run the two in tandem," she says, "along with my first priority which is my Sports Council work. But at 30 I am apparently at my peak — so if I'm not too old to fence I'm certainly not too old to be a lawyer."

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Central Registry 071 815 6109/6103/6707/8158
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PGC 12FT/48PT
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PGC 12FT/48PT
PGD 12FT/48PT
Mr D Whitworth 0785 275384
Engineering Mechanics
MSc 12FT/48PT
PGC 12FT/48PT
PGD 12FT/48PT
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MSc 12FT/48PT
PGC 12FT/48PT
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Prof A L Bowden 0785 275296
Rotating Machines
MSc 12FT/48PT
PGC 12FT/48PT
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Computer Integrated Manufacture
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Computer-Aided Engineering Design
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Diploma 9FT/21PT
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Mechanical Computer Aided Engineering(Thermodynamics & Fluid Mechanics)
Diploma 9FT 21PT
MSc 12.21FT 24PT
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Mechanical Engineering
Diploma 9FT 21PT
MSc 1221FT 24PT
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Mechanical Engineering(Thermodynamics & Fluid Mechanics)
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Advanced Manufacturing Technology
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Admissions Office 091 515 2082
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Advanced Manufacturing Management And Technology
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MSc 12FT 2436PT
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Wales: Swansea
Design and Economic Manufacture
MSc 12FT 24PT
A J Morgan 0792 295132
Machinery Condition Monitoring
MSc 12FT 24PT
A J Morgan 0792 295132
Mechanical Engineering
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Warwick U.
Advanced Mechanical Engineering
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Engineering Product Design
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Metallurgy - Mineralogy

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Mining/Minerals Engineering
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Applied Geophysics
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Mineral Industry And Environmental Management
MSc 12FT
Dr L Wade 0532 332794
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MSc 12FT
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Leicester U.
Industrial Mineralogy
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Advanced Engineering Materials
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MSc 12FT
Dr J R White 091 222 6000
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Materials Engineering
MSc 36PT
Dr W R D Couper 091 227 4589
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Advanced Materials And Manufacturing Processes
MSc 12FT
Dr D G McCartney 0602 513749
Mineral Resources Engineering and Management
Diploma 9FT
MSc 12FT
Dr B Atkin 0602 514109
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Metallurgy
Diploma 69FT
MMet 12FT 2436PT
Postgraduate Admissions 0742 768555
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Postgraduate Admissions 0742 768555
Polymers
MScTech 12FT
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Materials Engineering
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MSc 12FT 24PT
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Production, Processing and Fabrication of Materials
Diploma 9FT 21PT
MSc 12 or 21FT 21PT
Dr L M Watson 041 552 4400 ext 3131
Properties and Applications of Engineering Materials
Diploma 9FT 21PT
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Computer Technology in Manufacturing
MSc 12FT
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Enquiry Team 0273 600900
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MSc 12-24
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MBA 12-70PT
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Brunel U.
Industrial Measurement Systems
MSc 12FT 24PT/36PT
Prof B E Jones 0895 274000 ext2514
Packaging Technology
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Surface Engineering
MSc 12FT
Dr David Gawne 0895 274000 ext2980
Welding and Adhesive Bonding of Engineering Materials
MSc 12FT 24PT
Dr R Fenn 0895 274000 ext2978
Buckinghamshire C.H.E. (Brunel)
Forest Products Technology
MSc 12FT/24pt
PG Diploma 12FT/24PT
Deidre Richards 0494 522141
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MSc 12FT
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Building Heritage and Conservation
MA 12FT/24PT
Student Recruitment 0772 201 201
Fire Safety & Risk Management
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Peter Roberts (Executive Officer) 071 477 8702
Quality Improvement and System Reliability
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Course Director 071 477 8477
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Advanced Manufacturing Systems Engineering
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PgC
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MSc 24FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Energy Studies
Dipl Ing 24FT
MSc 24FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Materials (with specialisation)
Dipl Ing 24FT
MSc 12FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Polymer Engineering
Dipl Ing 24FT
MSc 12/24FT (depending)
MSc 24FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Precision Engineering Metrology
MSc 12FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Water Pollution Control Technology
Diploma 9FT
MSc 12FT
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Explosive Ordnance Engineering
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Explosive Ordnance Technology
Diploma 6FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Guided Weapon Systems
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Gun Systems Design
MSc 24FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Military Electronic Systems Engineering (MESE)
MSc 12FT PT by arrangeme
Military Operational Analysis/Research
Diploma 3FT/2PT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Military Operational Research
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Military Vehicle Technology
Diploma 12FT
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
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MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714

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MSc 12FT
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Diploma 24FT (distance learn
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Rehabilitation Technology
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Diploma 7FT
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Diploma 9FT
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Diploma 12FT
Course Enquiries Office 0532 832600

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Ceramic Processing
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MSc 12FT/24PT
Prof D Mcgreavy 0532 332400
Environmental Pollution Control
MSc 12FT
Dr A G Clarke 0532 332510
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Dr G C East 0532 333749
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MSc 2460PT
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Corrosion Of Engineering Materials
MSc 12FT/24PT
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Materials Research
MSc 12FT
Prof D Inman 071 225 8708
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MSc 12FT
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Petroleum Engineering
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MSc 12FT
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MSc 12FT 24PT
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Geodesy
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MSc 12FT
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Engineering Design
MSc 12FT 24/36PT
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Ergonomics
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Packaging Technology
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Prof A Menzies 0509 223165
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MSc 12FT 36PT
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MSc 12FT
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Clothing Technology
Diploma 12FT
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Science and/or Engineering
Diploma 8FT 24PT
MSc 12FT 36PT
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Metallic and Ceramic Materials
MSc 12FT
Dr R Pilkington 061 200 3571
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Diploma 12FT
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Energy Conservation and Management
MSc 12FT
Admissions Enquiries 081 362 5000
Road Safety Engineering
Diploma 36PT
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Traffic Engineering and Planning
Diploma
Admissions Enquiries 081 362 5000

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Materials Technology
Diploma 6FT Jan Start
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Clean Technology
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Engineering Surveying and Geodesy
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MSc 12FT
Dr M J Smith 0602 513885
Navigation Studies
Diploma 12FT 2436PT
MSc 12FT 2436PT
Dr S P M Fawcett 0602 513918

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Composite Materials Technology
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MSc 12FT UPTO 5YR PT
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Materials Management
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MSc 12FT 36PT
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Quality Management
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Hydrographic Surveying
Diploma 12FT
Faculty Of Science 0752 232403

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Environmental Engineering
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PgC 12PT
PgD 24PT
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Archaeomaterials
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0742 768555
Manufacturing Design and Management
MSc 12FT 24/36PT
Postgraduate Admissions 0742 768555
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MSc 12FT/24PT
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South Bank U.
Accoustics And Noise Control
PGD 12FT
Central Registry 071 815 6109/6103/670778158
Energy Engineering
Diploma 12FT 24PT
MSc 12FT 24PT
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Condition Monitoring
MSc 12FT 36PT
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Sound And Vibration Studies
MSc 24FT
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Aquaculture
Diploma 5FT
MSc 20FT
School Of Natural Sciences 0786 467750
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Diploma 9FT
MSc 12FT
School Of Management 0786 467276

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Science and Technology Policy
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Technology Management
MSc 12FT (min)
Post Graduate Admissions 0273 678412
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Post Graduate Admissions 0273 678412
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MSc 12FT
Mr A J Beresford 061 200 3993
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Diploma 24PT
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Energy
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Computational Modelling and Finite Elements in Engineering Mechanics
Certificate(C) 6FT
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Information Technology
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Intelligent Systems
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Systems Design (Micro Electronics)
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MSc 12FT 24PT
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Diploma 12FT/36PT
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Course Director 071 477 8410

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Electronic System Design
MSc 12FT
Cranfield Campus Admissions 0234 750111
Management Science and Computer Applications of Technology
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Design of Information Systems
MSc 12FT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Mathematical Modelling
MSc 12FT 24PT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Numerical Methods and Software Systems
MSc 12FT 24PT
Postgraduate Admissions 0793 785714
Scientific Applications Software
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MSc 12FT 24PT
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MSc 12FT 24PT
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Fifa says World Cup water ban was misunderstanding


Charlton: angered

FROM PETER BALL IN ORLANDO

AS THE temperature here in Florida soared into the 90s yesterday, Fifa moved to allay Ireland's fears of a water ban during play. Guido Tognoni, a spokesman for football's world governing body, insisted last night that Ireland's worries were misconceived.

On Saturday, the American referee, Helder Dias, refused to allow the Northern Ireland physiotherapist to give his players water bottles during play in their match against Mexico in Miami. Ireland were afraid this was a new rule from Fifa, but it now appears that it was a misunderstanding, with Fifa just requiring that the players go to the touchline to take water rather than having bottles thrown on to the pitch.

"Players will be allowed to take drinks during matches as long as they stand on the touchline," Tognoni said. "It would be stupid not to allow them to. They can drink what they like — water, beer or champagne — just as long as it's on the touchline. There was never any suggestion that they would not be allowed to drink water."

This news is important for Ireland, with Orlando expected to provide the most testing conditions of any World Cup venue. An outside temperature in the mid-90s could be translated into a temperature on the pitch approaching 120 at mid-day in a packed stadium. Even with high fluid intake, playing football in those conditions will be testing. "Heat exhaustion is a medical emergency with potentially fatal consequences," Dr Conal Hooper, one of the two doctors with the Ireland party, said yesterday. "It is universal medical agreement that fluids need to be replaced right through the game, as was agreed at a major conference in Zurich in February. "They could lose 8-10lbs in the course of a game and that has to be replaced."

The team yesterday had their last long training session before Saturday's game with Italy in New York. Cascarino and Moran are still not training because of calf and hamstring injuries respectively, but David Kelly trained for the first time and Charlton is confident that he will be able to play his first choice team.

If matters on the pitch are proceeding according to plan, there have, inevitably, been rows between the squad and their travelling press.

Last week, stories in tabloid papers suggesting that Charlton had told his players to drink as much alcohol as they wanted rather than non-alcoholic liquids — which is what he intended to say — annoyed the manager and reports of a row in training on Saturday between the assistant manager, Maurice Setters, and Roy Keane visibly angered Charlton, who brought both Setters and Keane into the press conference to deny the reports.

"We are doing all we can to be co-operative and we're not very happy when we're undermined by certain members of the press from our own country," Charlton said. As he had a drink in the bar last night with several of the Irish and English press corps, it does not look as if relations have been soured permanently.

Grindley aims to be picked for 400m in Helsinki

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Grindley, potentially the greatest threat to Roger Black winning a third European 400 metres title this summer, resumes training today in an attempt to show fitness in time to be selected for the championships in Helsinki in August.

He is planning to make his international comeback on the day the British team is finalised. Black, who was among the first wave of selections announced yesterday, earned his place by winning the AAA title at Sheffield on Sunday in his first race at the distance for a year.

For the last two seasons, Grindley has been Europe's No 1, and he expects a British athlete to win the event in Helsinki. "That's obvious," he said before departing yesterday for training in Portugal.

But which one? The pity is that there will be only three candidates, not four. One of Grindley, Derek Redmond or Du'aine Ladejo, the European indoor champion, will at best be in the relay.

Grindley, now recovered from an Achilles tendon injury and inflammation in his left foot, is optimistic that he will be one of the three. "I am probably about 70 per cent fit," he said. He is looking for two club races before making his international comeback against the United States at Gateshead on July 20, when the selectors meet to determine their final list. "I will definitely be able to get into shape to run low 45 seconds," he said.

The selectors, who said that athletes had to compete in the AAA championships to be considered for selection, except in "exceptional circumstances", have picked John Regis, Colin Jackson and Tony Jarrett, each claiming their AAAs' absence was caused by injury. Yet Steve Smith, who did show, has been made to wait, underlining the absurdity of the rule.

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ENGLAND COMMONWEALTH GAMES SELECTIONS: Men: 100m: Christie; 200m: Wariso, 400m: Black, D Ladejo (Belgrave), 800m: C Winrow (Wigan), 1500m: McKay; 10,000m: R Denmark (Basildon); 110m hurdles: A Tulloch (Wolverhampton), 400m hurdles: Crampton, S Coupland (Sheffield), 3,000m steeplechase: S Duval (Cannock), C Walker (Gateshead), high jump: Reilly; long jump: B Williams (Cannock), triple jump: Edwards, J Golley (Thames Valley), F Agyepong (Shaftesbury), pole vault: A Ashurst (Sale); shot: Edwards, hammer: P Vivian (Thames Valley); discus: R Weir (Birchfield), K Brown (Birchfield), G Smith (Solihull), javelin: Hill, Backley; marathon: D Buzza (Cornwall), M Hudspith (Morpeth), C Moore (Bingley), 30km walk: C Maddocks (Plymouth)
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Ivanisevic prospers most from seedings

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE Wimbledon seeding committee, after lengthy deliberations yesterday, used its right to ignore the world rankings and elevated several men above their status for the championships, which start on Monday. The order of priority among the women, however, remains unchanged.

The principal beneficiaries are Goran Ivanisevic, Jim Courier, Boris Becker and Andre Agassi, all of whom have been either the champion or the runner-up, and Todd Martin. He has been swiftly rewarded for beating Pete Sampras in the final of the Stella Artois tournament on Sunday.

Wimbledon is the only grand slam tournament that

Men
1. P Sampras (US)
2. M Stich (Ger)
3. S Edberg (Swe)
4. G Ivanisevic (Cro)
5. J Courier (US)
6. T Martin (US)
7. B Becker (Ger)
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1. S Graf (Ger)
2. A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)
3. C Martinez (Sp)
4. M Navratilova (US)
5. J Novotna (Cz)
6. K Date (Japan)
7. M Pierce (Fr)
8. N Zvereva (Belarus)
9. L Davenport (US)
10. G Sabatini (Arg)
11. M J Fernandez (US)
12. A Huber (Ger)
13. Z Garrison-Jackson (US)
14. A Coetzer (SA)
15. S Hack (Ger)
16. M Maleeva (Bul)

reserves the right to deviate from the world rankings in the seedings. The changes are designed to take into consideration a player's record on grass, and there can be little dispute about the committee's decisions.

Ivanisevic, the temperamental Croat who reached the final two years ago, is promoted from his ranking of fifth to fourth in the seeds. That is significant because he cannot meet any of the top three — Pete Sampras, Michael Stich or Stefan Edberg — until the semi-finals.

Courier, beaten by Sampras in last year's final, and Becker, three times the former champion, have also been treated favourably. So has Agassi, whose ranking has slipped to seventeenth after he had missed five months recuperating from wrist surgery.

Marc Rosset, Yvegeny Kafelnikov and Arnaud Boetsch, though not in the top 16, are seeded. Thomas Muster and Carlos Costa, though they are ranked No 11 and 16 in the world respectively, are excluded because their prowess lies almost exclusively on clay courts.

The committee has seen no need to rearrange the top 16 women. Only Martina Navratilova was promoted above her world ranking last year but even she, nine times the former champion and twice the runner-up, has not received preferential treatment.

Nevertheless, the 37-year-old competing in her last Wimbledon is guaranteed to avoid meeting any of her three superiors until the semi-final, the stage she reached last year. Then she was beaten by Jana Novotna, whose fitness is now in doubt.

Novotna, persistently troubled by injury recently, withdrew yesterday from the Volkswagen Cup, citing tendinitis of the biceps as the cause. Although she is to continue in the doubles at Eastbourne, she admits that she is sometimes in pain when she serves.

"I am worried about Wimbledon because one day it feels better and the next it feels worse," Novotna, who has been seeded fifth for Wimbledon, said. "Today it is very painful to lift my arm above my head, and I have been told that with this type of injury I will still feel pain even when it is improving."

Novotna has been bothered by the complaint since three days before the start of the French Open last month. "No one could really tell me what is wrong," she said. "I don't even know how it happened. I just woke up one morning and it hurt."

Novotna, destined to be for ever remembered for collapsing on the shoulders of the Duchess of Kent, is one of four women to have moved up in the seedings from last year. The others are Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Conchita Martinez and Mary Pierce, who has jumped from thirteenth to seventh.

IAN STEWART


Pierce warms up for Wimbledon in the sunshine, putting all her power into a forehand during a practice session at Eastbourne yesterday

Pierce in pursuit of happier horizons

Andrew Longmore enters the confused world of a player who could become the saviour of the women's game

Some extravagant claims were made on behalf of Mary Pierce after she annihilated Steffi Graf on the centre court in Paris ten days ago. Here, surely, was the saviour of women's tennis, a player of good looks and genuine talent capable of matching the seemingly invincible German for pace and power. The media machine clicked into gear.

Luckily, Pierce had seen it all before, except that for most of her career it was the antics of her father, not the success of her tennis, that had been the object of the headline-writers. Besides trying to make her way in the strange and soulless world of professional tennis, Pierce had to live with another tag: Jim's Girl. The object of pity, whispers and laughter for all those who did not have to cope with a teenage existence turned on its head and compounded by a nationality as confused as her childhood. She has three passports, French, Canadian and American, lives in Florida and plays for France, her mother's home.

Jim Pierce became notorious, for swearing at officials, at his daughter, at umpires, players, anyone who might come in the way of his paternal vision. At the French Open last year, the support, of dubious value to a tender psyche at the best of times, turned to outright violence. Pierce Senior was banned from all tour events and grand slams. It might prove to be the turning point of Pierce's so far unfulfilled career.

Pierce talks reluctantly about the past, preferring to concentrate on the titles ahead. But that she is able to reflect clearly, without malice, on the bad times speaks volumes for her maturity at the age of just 19, a maturity that Jennifer Capriati, for one, has not yet managed to find.

"It didn't help me, though I suppose there are two ways of looking at what happened with my father. One is that I might have done a lot better a lot sooner without it all, the other is that it has helped me to be mentally tougher, to cope with tough situations in tennis and in my life and know how to handle them."

Jim Pierce is now retired and living in Delray Beach, not far from Mary. But the pair rarely see each other. They have not spoken since Pierce's 6-2, 6-2 victory over Graf, a win her father would probably have enjoyed above all others. For Pierce, that episode in her young life is now closed.

"At the time, all the attention was not so much hurtful as annoying. I had no idea why it came into the public eye so much. It was disappointing to have so much focus my father and not much on my tennis."

Like Capriati, Pierce began her professional career at the age of 14, but without having to feed a voracious army of sponsors. "I had pressure from my father to perform, she had pressures from everyone, but I don't necessarily agree that 14 is too young to start on the tour. If you have the talent at that age, why waste it? I see no reason for it." She does, though, see the logic of restricting the number of tournaments for younger players and on stopping players from turning professional until after graduation.

On court, Pierce's progress was steady without being spectacular. She had the power to beat the best, particularly on the backhand, but not the consistency or the belief. For the last two years, she has been on the verge of the top ten, but did not break into it until reaching the final of the French Open this month. War victory over Graf the breakthrough? She rejects the word.

"I was surprised at how easy it was and how quickly it went. But I wasn't surprised at the result because I knew I had been playing well for the whole tournament."

And then came the inevitable anti-climax in the final, a straight sets defeat by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario. The Spaniard kept the ball in court and profited from a succession of mistakes, renewing fears that tactically Pierce still has much to learn.

There is no doubt of her novice status on grass. She has, though, begun to adapt her hard-hitting game to a strange surface and is beginning to enjoy herself. "Last year, it felt like I was playing on a football field. This year, I've got a totally different outlook. To win Wimbledon would be the most satisfying thing in anyone's career, but we'll just see what happens."

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Dental Health Policy
Diploma 9FT
MSc 12FT/24PT
Connie Blake 071 915 1038
Dental Materials
MSc 12FT
Connie Blake 071 915 1035
Endodontics
Diploma 9FT
MSc 12FT/24PT
Connie Blake 071 915 1038
Experimental Oral Pathology
MSc 12FT
Connie Blake 071 915 1038
Oral Medicine
MSc 12FT/24PT
Connie Blake 071 915 1038
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
MSc 24PT
Connie Blake 071 915 1038
Orthodontics
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Connie Blake 071 915 1035
Periodontology
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Connie Blake 071 915 1035
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Tour lessons must be taken to heart

David Hands points out problems which might bedevil England's rugby World Cup preparations

Far better for English rugby to learn the truth about itself now than 12 months hence in a World Cup. Their South African experience, which ended yesterday when the tour party flew into Heathrow with a modest record behind them, taught players and management a bitter-sweet lesson but one they may have been half-expecting.

On the one hand, they achieved a success in Pretoria the dimensions of which took both countries by surprise. On the other, they entered on a voyage of discovery the lessons from which if dissipated at home will do irreparable damage to next year's World Cup challenge.

That is Jack Rowell's big fear, now that he has sloughed off his skin as Bath coach and assumed the national team manager's mantle.

It is not, he asserts, his problem but that of the Rugby Football Union (RFU). The structured season for 1994-95 (embracing five league weekends and two cup rounds after the five nations' championship ends) leaves no provision for potential World Cup squad members — who are Rowell's elite — to rest unless either they as individuals or their clubs as entities, concerned more with English rugby rather than parochialism, decide that they must do so.

What English rugby has to come to terms with is the attitude that has haunted English football for years — too many competitions, too many players playing too many matches, too little emphasis on skill. The game, now more than ever, is on the verge of change that will be by no means welcome to many who have served it faithfully throughout its "amateur" days.

In the 1990s, international rugby leaves little scope for traditional club loyalties and it demands so much of individuals that they can justifiably require recompense. It may be that some England players, in time of plenty, have concentrated too much on commercial aspects of the game, on the accumulation of caps.

Certainly the former has been brought home to them in South Africa, from the republic's vice-president who queried why English players should not be paid, to the understanding of the system of retainers which are now commonplace in South African provincial rugby and the match "expenses" which are made available — alongside the jobs which allow ample time for daytime training three times a week.

If England's players feel at a disadvantage after their recent experience, it is no wonder but they should also understand the culture of "winning" endemic in southern-hemisphere rugby.

That is the culture that Rowell seeks to inculcate in his present squad, of whom all but three or four can justifiably hope to return to South Africa as part of next year's squad for the World Cup.

Rowell's views have already been made known to the RFU committee. He would happily change the entire traditional formula of touring, focus completely on the international matches by which tours stand or fall, at the expense of the "missionary" work up-country; the midweek rugby, he believes, clutters the approach of players and management and hinders development.

"Are people going to play for England or for rugby?" he asks rhetorically. He knows the answer but is by no means certain that either union or clubs will be in sympathy. Yet even though he is dismayed by what he has seen during his brief tenure as manager, of attitudes, of skill levels, of sound development, out of Africa has come some good.

England believe they can now play a wider game and the fruits of that must be seen in the pre-Christmas internationals against Romania and Canada, when Jeremy Guscott may be back to put pressure on Will Carling and Phil de Glanville in midfield. Players such as Paul Hull, Steve Ojomoh, John Mallett and Graham Rowntree have made substantial progress, in particular Hull, and the choice of full back next season will be fascinating, assuming the fitness of Ian Hunter and David Pears.

Rowell, I suspect, would love to get his hands on more of the coaching, which may place some strain on the existing team of Dick Best and Les Cusworth. Rowell has worked with Cusworth as a coaching team before and they may do so again if Cusworth emerges from the fire of his first significant test a better and a harder coach. But any development of English back play may hinge on players replicating their tour experiences within the confines of league and cup club rugby.

"In 1980 we said we had to have quality and service to succeed in business," Rowell said. "In 1990 that is taken for granted and that's true for rugby but the organisation of the game in England still leaves us a long way short of the style and technique you see in Australia." The gap between club and country has yet to be filled satisfactorily, which is why Rowell envies the southern hemisphere their strong provincial competitions.

Too many questions, not much time to find the answers. Last week Rowell suggested the 32-15 victory over South Africa was a maverick result: defeat by an almost exactly similar margin (there was one point between the teams at the end of the drawn series) confirms his opinion.

"The jury is still out on where England is," Rowell concluded and that holds good for the whole organisation that will take the team back to South Africa next year.



Hull advanced rapidly in South Africa to become an outstanding figure at full back

TOUR POINTS SCORERS: 58pts: (2T, 3C, 13PG, 1DG) Andrew (4 appearances); 22: (2C, 6PG) Barnes (4); 17 (1C, 5PG) Callard (3); 10: (2C, 2PG) Catt (6); 10: (2T) Hopley (4), Hull (6), T Underwood (6); 5: (1T) Bates (5), Clarke (5), R Underwood (5).

OTHER APPEARANCES: 7: Ojomoh; 5: Carling, Redman, Rodber, Ubogu; 4: Bayfield, Dawe, de Glanville, Leonard, Mallett, Moore, Morris, Potter, Rowntree, Ryan; 3: Adebayo, Dallaglio, Poole, Richards; 2: Johnson, Shaw; 1: Pears.

TOUR RESULTS: May: 18: lost to Orange Free State 11-22 (Bloemfontein); 21: lost to Natal 6-21 (Durban); 25: beat Western Transvaal 26-24 (Potchefstroom); 28: lost to Transvaal 21-24 (Johannesburg); 31: lost to South Africa A 16-19 (Kimberley). June: 4: beat SOUTH AFRICA 32-15 (Pretoria); 7: beat Eastern Province 31-13 (Port Elizabeth); 11: lost to SOUTH AFRICA 9-27 (Cape Town). Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5. Points For 152 (11T, 8C, 28PG, 1DG) Against 165 (13T, 5C, 29PG, 1DG).

Henman brushed aside by Texan

TIM Henman, from Oxford, maintained his learning curve against an American opponent 50 places above him in the world rankings in the first round of the Manchester Open tournament yesterday (Christopher Irvine writes). At 19, Henman has some filling out to do, and with more weight might have countered the strength of Alex O'Brien, of Texas, ranked 108. O'Brien was one set down and two break points down at 4-4 in the second set when a vital net cord went his way. He rode his good fortune and went on to win 1-6, 6-4, 6-0. As Henman's strength develops, so too must the armoury to go with some delightful artistry.

In the last of just seven matches on the opening day, Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, the No 1 seed and one of the dangerous floaters for Wimbledon, won a hard-hitting serving duel with the Argentine qualifier, Javier Frana, 6-3, 6-4. Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia, the defending champion, despite a surprise second-set upset, beat Alex Antonitsch, of Austria, 7-6, 0-6, 6-2.

Brown in contention

EQUESTRIANISM: Kelly Brown, one of several contenders for the fourth place in the British show jumping team for the world championships in The Hague in August, has a last chance to impress the selectors at the Aachen Nations Cup meeting in Germany, which begins today (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The six-day show has attracted 13 countries for the Nations Cup on Friday, many of them using it as a trial for the championships. The British team of four will be chosen from John and Michael Whitaker, Warren Clarke, John Popely and Brown. Brown has recently competed at four county shows and been placed in each.

British women out

TENNIS: All seven British women lost in the first round of the Wimbledon qualifying tournament at Roehampton yesterday, winning just two sets among them. All were given a wild card into the competition and not a great deal was expected of them. Lorna Woodroffe gave Karin Kschwendt, from Germany, a fight, losing the first set on a tie-break, before succumbing to the No 3 seed 7-6, 4-6, 6-2. Alison Smith faced the No 6 seed, Misumi Miyauchi, of Japan, and took the first set before going out 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. The other British women, Jo Moore, Lucie Ahl, Zoe Mellis, Michele Mair and Caroline Herbert, went out quietly.

Prior in coma

MOTORCYCLING: Simon Prior, the British sidecar rider injured in a crash in the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim on Sunday, was declared brain dead yesterday. Prior, 40, went into a coma after suffering severe head injuries. A spokeswoman for the German motor racing association said the Briton was being kept alive artificially, but the hospital in Mannheim, where the Briton was taken, would not confirm the statement. Prior's wife had been at her husband's bedside and had left the hospital without completing forms authorising the official release of information on his condition.

Benn signs with ITV

BOXING: Nigel Benn, the World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion, has signed a multi-million pound eight-bout deal with ITV Sport. Benn, who makes the sixth defence of his title on September 3 in either Dublin, Sheffield or Manchester, thus follows his rival, Chris Eubank, the World Boxing Organisation champion, who recently negotiated a £10 million Sky contract.

□ Evander Holyfield, the former World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight champion, is considering making a comeback after attending a Christian healing session in Philadelphia.

New club for Bonner

FOOTBALL: The Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, Pat Bonner, 34, recently given a free transfer by Celtic after 17 years with the club, has agreed to join Kilmarnock, where a former colleague at Parkhead, Tommy Burns, is the manager. The Celtic manager, Lou Macari, has signed the Bolton striker, Andy Walker, who was sold by the Glasgow club in 1991, on a three-year contract, and Les Sealey, the Manchester United goalkeeper, has joined Blackpool on a free transfer. Real Madrid have agreed to join Arsenal, Chelsea and Napoli in the Makita Tournament at Highbury in August.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 5 Montreal 4; Los Angeles 2 Chicago 1; San Diego 5 San Francisco 2; Colorado 3 Cincinnati 2; Philadelphia 7 St Louis 2; Pittsburgh 5 Florida 1; Atlanta 3 Houston 1.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	39	20	.661	—
Montreal	37	24	.607	3
Philadelphia	31	32	.492	10
Florida	30	32	.484	10½
New York	28	33	.459	12
Central division				
Cincinnati	35	26	.574	—
Houston	34	27	.557	1
St Louis	31	28	.525	3
Pittsburgh	28	32	.467	6½
Chicago	23	37	.383	11½
West division				
Los Angeles	32	30	.516	—
Colorado	28	33	.459	3½
San Francisco	28	34	.452	4
San Diego	23	39	.371	9

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 8 Boston 4; Toronto 3 New York 1; Cleveland 12 Milwaukee 5; Minnesota 6 Chicago 2; Kansas City 7 Texas 2; California 8 Detroit 6; Oakland 11 Seattle 2.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	24	.593	—
Baltimore	34	25	.576	1
Boston	32	27	.542	3
Detroit	31	29	.517	4½
Toronto	30	30	.500	5½
Central division				
Chicago	33	25	.569	—
Cleveland	33	25	.569	—
Minnesota	33	27	.550	1
Kansas City	31	29	.517	3
Milwaukee	27	34	.443	7½
West division				
Texas	30	30	.500	—
Seattle	25	35	.417	5
California	26	37	.413	5½
Oakland	19	42	.311	11½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Finals: Houston 93 New York 89 (Houston lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow: Cumberland 189-6 dec (S Sharp 54) and 30-1, Norfolk 187-7 dec. Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk 224-9 dec (D Randall 88; S Fletcher 4-70), Lincolnshire 224-4 dec (J Wileman 90, R Evans 60; A Golding 4-90). Falkland CC: Berkshire 219-4 dec (G Loveday 108 not out, D Mercer 51); Wales 138-6 (C Evans 75, P Lewington 5-74). Henlow: Bedfordshire 183-5 dec (R Dalton 57); Cambridgeshire 232-5 (S Mohammed 83, D Norman 52). Canford School: Dorset 210-8 dec (R Scott 75 A Willows 59 not out).

Oxfordshire 126-4. Ellesmere College: Wiltshire 177-9 dec (A Byrom 5-49); Shropshire 173-7 dec (J Foster 117 not out).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Allhallows 91, Milton Abbey 92-2; Bancroft's 91, *St Dunstan's 92-7, Band of Brothers 234-8 (Rowe 107), *Tonbridge 235-1 (Walsh 105 not out, Charlton 103 not out). *Christ's Hospital 184-9, Whitgift 185-6. *Colston's 266-6, Monkton Coombe 230-8. Cranleigh 117, *Brighton Coll 86. *Dean Close 173, Dauntsey's 133-7; Dulwich 130, *Haileybury 132-9. *Eltham Coll 193-3, Judd 100-9. *Enfield GS 196-1 dec (A Laraman 100 not out), Latymer Upper 170-8; *Epsom 180-9, Lancing 46; *Exeter 214-5 dec, Queen's, Taunton 74; *Framlingham 230-9 (J Phillips 104), Bishop's Stortford 231-4 (S Fishpool 122). *Gerrards Cross 149-9, Finchhampstead 151-1; *Giggleswick 172, Lees GS 139-6; *Haberdashers' Aske's 175-8, Watford GS 123, *Hampton 180, Tiffin 169-9; Hereford Cathedral 210-7, *Christ's Coll Brecon 101-9; Ipswich 192-5 (McCarney 100 not out), *Perse 157-9; *Kent Coll 156-9, Duke of York's 51; *King Edward VII 128-8, Arnold 245-8; King's, Bruton 148, *Blundell's 149-2; *King's, Canterbury 197-6, Straggler's of Asher 156-7; King's, Taunton 202-7, *Monmouth 111; *Maidstone GS 187-5, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS 108; *Oakham 185-5, Bedford Modern 129-9; *Pocklington 223-8 dec, Ampleforth 165, *Radley Coll 175-3, Marlborough 174. *Reigate GS 124, Ardingly 125-3; *Rugby 285-7, Oundle 187, Sedbergh 216-6 (P Eddington 109), *Lancaster RGS 187-6, Sevenoaks 103, *Brentwood 104-1, Sherborne 123, *Canford 125-5; Skinners 174-8 dec, *Colfe's 150-5, *St George's, Weybridge 251-7, St John's 142-7; *St Lawrence, Ramsgate 197-6, King's, Rochester 106, *Strathallan 210-7, Edinburgh Academy 153-7. Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 79, *John Lyon 80-6; *Woodhouse Grove 221, Bradford GS 143-5. (*denotes home side).

CYCLING

TOUR OF LUXEMBOURG: Final stage (191km): 1, G Hincapie (US) 5hr 20min 14sec, 2, A Tchmile (Russ), 3, A Elli (It) both same time. Final positions: 1, F Maassen (Holl) 19hr 34min 41sec; 2, Hincapie at 7sec; 3, M Maun (Sp) at 59

ROAD RACES: Eurotunnel grand prix (Folkestone, 78 miles): 1, D Rayner (Lex-Townsend), 2hr 12min 20sec, 2, M Stephens (North Wirral Velo), same time; 3, C Walker (Lex-Townsend), at 15sec. Tour of Mid-Wales (Aberystwyth, 80 miles): M Postle (Delta RT), 3 14 35. Midlands C and AC (Beoley, 82 miles): P Wilkins (Ashfield RC), 3:16:55. Bournemouth Arrow CC (Lytchett Matravers, 63 miles). M Woodward (CS Purbeck), 2.29 40.

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC women's national 25-mile championship (Ely, Cambridgeshire): 1, S Phillips (Deeside Thistle), 58:14; 2, M Johnson (Oundle Velo), 58:16; 3, Y McGregor (Swaledale CC), 58:17. Team: Swaledale CC, 3.03.18. Westerley RC (Didcot, Oxon, 25 miles): J Pritchard (Olympia Sport), 51:55. Team: Olympia Sport, 2:40 23. Harp RC (Buckinghamshire, 25 miles): E Adkins (Leo RC), 54:01. Team: North Bucks RC, 3:09:39. Ayr and Dumfries CA (25 miles): I Spence (Carnoustie CC), 54.23. Team: Loudoun RC, 2.52:03. Whitewebbs CC (Biggleswade, 25 miles), K Allen (Whitewebbs CC), 54:43. Team, Whitewebbs CC, 2:48 45. Scunthorpe RC (25 miles): S Vaughan (Airedale Olympic), 55:06. Team, Axholme Wheelers, 2:51:26. Crest CC (Essex, 25 miles): D Knight (Delta RT), 56:31. Team: CC Romford, 3:10:30. Kent Valley RC (25 miles): K Turner (Preston Wheelers), 58:06. Team: Preston Wheelers, 3:03:23. Nottingham Clarion (sporting, 27 miles): G Wharton (Nottingham Clarion), 1:04 32 (course record). Team: Nottingham Clarion, 3:24:49. Speedwell BC (Shropshire, mountain, 45 miles): C Myhill (Chesterfield Coureurs), 1.54:47 (course and event record). Team: Warwickshire RC, 6:24:03. Yorkshire CF (50 miles): W Randle (Optimum Performance RT), 1:42:28 (event record). Team: Morley CC, 5:38:32. Clevedon and District RC (50 miles): C Brooks (VC Camelot), 1:49.58. Team: Weston Wheelers, 6:05:36. Tyne RC (50 miles): H Walker (GS Metro), 1:53:48. VC Cumbria (hilly, 50 miles): M Bowes (Cleveleys RC), 1 56:51. Bynea RC (Llandovery, 50 miles): N Lewis (Bynea CC), 2:00:36. Team, Bynea CC, 6.15:02. Essex CRA (100 miles): G Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 3:40:24. Team: Leo RC, 12:14.51. Burton and District CA (100 miles): N Porless (Melton Olympic), 4:08:20. Team Coalville Wheelers, 12:43:15.

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Canada 0 Holland 3 (in Toronto), Brazil 4 El Salvador 0 (in Fresno, California), Sweden 1 Romania 1 (in Mission Viejo, California).

GOLF

NEW YORK: Buick Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 268: L Janzen 69, 69, 64, 66. 271: E Els (SA) 68, 66, 69, 68. 274: B Faxon 70, 68, 70, 66; J Haas 68, 70, 69, 67. 276: B Burns 71, 67, 70, 68; S Pate 66, 72, 69, 69; W Andrade 70, 71, 66, 69. Other scores: 279: T Kite 68, 74, 64, 73. 280: G Norman (Aus) 73, 67, 69, 71. 281: T Watson 71, 71, 70, 69. 292: S Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 73, 75, 73. 295: D Feherty (GB) 74, 70, 75, 76.

BROOKLYN PARK, Minnesota: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 205: L Neumann (Swe) 68, 71, 66. 207: H Kobayashi (Japan) 72, 70, 65. 208: S Steinhauer 72, 70, 66. 209: A Alcott 71, 69, 69. 211: K Peterson-Parker 72, 71, 68. 212: J Larsen 70, 73, 69. 213: C Pierce (GB) 71, 68, 74; V Skinner 70, 73, 70; D Richard 71, 73, 69; M McGann 72, 72, 69; K Robbins 71, 78, 64; T-J Myers 73, 71, 69.

LETHAM GRANGE: Scottish amateur strokeplay championship: Final scores: 288: D Downie (Ladybank) 69, 69, 74, 76. 289: N Vanhootegem (Bel) 67, 74, 73, 75. 291: B Howard (Cochrane Castle) 68, 75, 76, 71. J Hodgson (Tytherington) 67, 70, 78, 76.

GYMNASTICS

HEATHROW: International Sports Acrobatics Trophy: Team event: 1, London Gymnastics Federation 87.75pts; 2, Astrakhan (Russ) 85 85; 3, France 82 75; 4, US Sacramento 82 55. Mixed pairs: N Griffiths and E Crocker (London) 29.25; 2, S Soldevila and E Bonnavaud (Fr) 28.65. Men's pairs: 1, V Lebed and I Struzhanov (Astrakhan) 29.30; 2, J Martin and G Hopkins (London) 29.25. Women's pairs: 1, A Boultwood and K Robinson (London) 29.25; 2, S Shengarova and V Sprova (Bulgaria) 29.05. Women's groups: 1, Bulgaria 29.4, 2, London 28.75; 3, US Sacramento 27.45

LACROSSE

BATH: American men's tour: England Under-23 1 Georgetown University Washington DC 16.

MOTOR RACING

INDYCAR WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Detroit grand prix: 1, P Tracy (Can) Penske-Ilmor; avge speed: 88.245mph; 2, E Fittipaldi (Br) Penske-Ilmor; 3, B Gordon (US) Lola Ford-Cosworth; 4, T Fabi (It) Reynard-Ilmor; 5, M Andretti (US); 6, B Rahal (US); 7, J Villeneuve (Can) Reynard Ford-Cosworth; 8, M Gugelmin (Br) Reynard Ford-Cosworth; 9, B Herta (US) Lola Ford-Cosworth; 10, A Unser Jr (US) Penske-Ilmor. British placing: 21, N Mansell, Lola Ford-Cosworth XB

TENNIS

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men: First round: L Glona (US) bt F Cousin (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; S Lareau (Can) bt S Huet (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, C Beecher (GB) bt S Pacheco (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; M Barnard (SA) bt P Hand (GB) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3. Women: First round: C Wegink (Holl) bt K Bueche (Austria) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; M Miyauchi (Japan) bt A Smith (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; T Krizan (Slovenia) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; P Rajzlova (Cz) bt M Maruska (Austria) 6-2, 4-3 (retired); N Feber (Bel) bt N Pratt (Aus) 6-0, 6-4; M de Swardt (SA) bt N Dahlman (Fin) 7-5, 7-6; K Adams (US) bt R Grande (It) 6-3, 6-4; N Kijimuta (Japan) bt F Fortuni (It) 6-2, 6-3, R White (US) bt A Henricksson (US) 6-3, 6-3; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt L Ghirardi (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; M Strandlund (Swe) bt E De Lone (US) 6-1, 6-2; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt E Ilda (Japan) 6-0, 7-5; E Hakami (US) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 6-4, 7-5; T Price (SA) bt M Schnell (Austria) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; J Faull (Aus) bt K Teodorowicz (Pol) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; N Miyagi (Japan) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; S Parkhomenko (Rus) bt C Herbert (GB) 6-3, 6-3; K Kschwendt (Ger) bt L Woodroffe (GB) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; M Paz (Arg) bt K Guse (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; R Stubbs (Aus) bt H Mochizuki (Japan) 6-2, 7-5; J Steven (US) bt J Moore (GB) 6-3, 7-6; M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt L Ahl (GB) 7-5, 7-5; I Demongeot (Fr) bt M Mair (GB) 6-1, 6-3; A Strnadova (Cz) bt C Bakkum (Holl) 6-4, 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) bt E Brusati (It) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; G Golzzichini (It) bt S McCarthy (US) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

EASTBOURNE: Volkswagen Cup: First round: G Fernandez (US) bt B Schultz (Holl) 6-2, 6-0; C Taylor (GB) bt S Stafford (US) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, P Fendick (US) bt J Durie (GB) 6-2, 6-1; C Singer (Ger) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; D Jones (Aus) bt A Frazier (US) 6-3, 6-3; M Endo (Japan) bt E Likhovtseva (Kazak) 6-3, 6-4; M Werdel (US) bt C Rubin (US) 0-6, 7-5, 7-5; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-3, 6-0; K Radford (Aus) bt T Austin (US) 6-3, 6-4, E Brioukhovets (Ukr) bt C Wood (GB) 6-2, 6-4; J Pullin (GB) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; S Farina (It) bt S Siddall (GB) 6-2, 6-0; M McGrath (US) bt D Randriantefy (Madagascar) 6-3, 6-4; J Kruger (SA) bt J Richardson (NZ) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; C Kuhlman (SA) bt P Shriver (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; N Arendt (US) bt K Po (US) 6-1, 6-1.

MANCHESTER: Men's tournament: First round: A O'Brien (US) bt T Henman (GB) 1-6, 6-4, 6-0; K Carlsen (Den) bt T Kronemann (US) 6-4, 6-2; K Novacek (Cz) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-3, 6-3; M Damm (Cz) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 7-6, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WINFIELD CUP: North Sydney 12 Illawarra Steelers 4.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday June 18

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Clarinda v Regent
1 E Brunswick v Altona
1 Lalor Utd v Sunbury
2 Moorooolb'k v Spr'gvale U
1 S Caulfield v Clifton Hill
X Waverley v Chelsea

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
1 Eltham v Doveton
1 Fitzroy v Sandringham
X Melbourne v Essendon
1 Pascoe Vale v E Altona
2 Rosanna v Keilor
2 Seaford U v S Dandon'g

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
X Dandenong v S Wantirna
X Geelong v Malvern
1 Langwarrin v Cranbourne
X S Springvale v N Coburg
1 Sun Heights v Geelong R
2 West Vale v Frankston
1 Yarraville v Brighton

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
2 Ballarat v Monbulk
2 Berwick v Old Scotch
2 Glenroy v N Sunshine
X Heidelberg v Mornington
1 Melton v Brandon
1 Williamstown v Lalor

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Athena v North Perth
1 Bayswater v Perth Ital
2 Dianella v Kingsway
2 Inglewood v Sorrento
X Stirling M v Swan IC

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Ashfield v Canning
1 Fremantle v Stirling T
2 Gosnells v Armadale Pk
2 Kelmscott v Bassendean
2 Osborne Pk v Morley
1 S Vardar v Melville
2 Sun City v Wanneroo

WEST AUSTRALIA THIRD DIVISION
2 North Lake v Cockburn
X Perth City v West Yugal

2 Queens Pk v Balga
1 S Vasto v Bunbury
X University v Balcatta

SOUTH AUSTRALIA PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Campb'town v Modbury
X Croydon v Port Lon
1 Salisbury v Adelaide
2 WT Birkalla v Blue Eagles

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Central v Cumberland
X Enfield v Woodville
X Noarlunga v Elizabeth
1 Para Hills v Seaford
2 Plympton v Olympians

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
2 South Star v Logan
1 Virginia v North Pine

TASMANIA NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE
2 Croatia v Ulverstone
X Georgetown v Burnie
1 Juventus v Somerset
1 Launceston v Western S
1 Riverside v St Leonards

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Waverley, Dandenong, Geelong, South Springvale, Heidelberg, Stirling Macedonia, Perth City, University, Croydon, Enfield, Noarlunga, Georgetown. Sorrento, Armadale Park, Wanneroo, Cockburn.

BEST DRAWS: Waverley, Heidelberg, University, Croydon, Enfield

AWAYS: Springvale United, South Dandenong, Monbulk, North Sunshine.

HOMES: East Brunswick, Yarraville, Athena, Fremantle, South Vardar, South Vasto, Central District, Para Hills, Virginia, Juventus, Launceston, Riverside.

□ Vince Wright

Vince Wright forecast six out of eight aways last Saturday

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Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (7f 214yd) 1, TANBIH (W Carson, 8-11 fav); 2, Conic Hill (M Hills, 9-2); 3, Promise City (L Dettori, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Shikaree (4th), 25 Orinoco Venture (6th), 50 Aerial View (5th). 6 ran. 2l, sh hd, 2½l, 7l, nk. C Benstead at Epsom. Tote: £1 60; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.22

2.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, ROISIN CLOVER (Stephen Davies, 11-8 fav); 2, Art Deco Lady (S Whitworth, 13-8); 3, Rich Miss (W Newnes, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Volterra (4th). 4 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 5l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £2 10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.82.

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, LOOKINGFORARAINBOW (M Wigham, 11-2), 2, The Chairman (T Quinn, 12-1); 3, Solartica (J Reid, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Mr Copyforce, 5 Rocquaine Bay (5th), 7 One Off The Rail (6th), 8 Strat's Legacy (4th), 12 Night Edition, 16 Prince Danzig, 25 Checkpoint Charlie, 100 Myjinka. 11 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ¾l, sh hd, 3½l. Bob Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £6 60; £1.90, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £53.40. Trio: £102.20. CSF: £62.75. Tricast: £401 00

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, SHIKARI'S SON (T Quinn, 7-1); 2, North Esk (M Wigham, 7-2); 3, Dune River (L Dettori, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Comanche Companion (4th), 8 Al Battar, 12 Silent Expression (5th), Twin Falls (6th), 14 Soaking. 8 ran. Nk, ¾l, sh hd, 1½l, 4l. J White at Wendover. Tote: £7.60. £1.80, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £13.00. CSF: £28.21. Tricast: £81.08.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, ASIAN JANE (T Quinn, 4-11 fav); 2, Chevalier Vert (G Crealock, 25-1); 3, Pharsical (W Woods, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Desiderata (4th), 14 Kentavrus Way (5th), 25 Damanta, Michaelmas Park (6th), 33 Licence To Kill. 8 ran. NR: Drer. 5l, 1l, 1½l, 1¾l, 1¾l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.40, £1 00, £7.40, £2.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £11.76.

4.30 (5f 59yd) 1, MARJORIE'S MEMORY (Stephen Davies, 11-4); 2, Random (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 3, Fighting Temeraire (W Woods, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Cantoris (4th), 10 Truth Mountain (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, nk, 1l, 7l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.70.

5.00 (6f 209yd) 1, WALNUT BURL (Iona Wands, 100-30 fav), 2, Starsport (R Moogan, 13-2); 3, Gingerillo (A Whelan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Flair Lady (5th), Rocality, 15-2 Mazzarello, 10 Sharp Gazelle, 11 Honey Vision (6th), 12 Komplicity, 16 Batting Bella (4th), 33 Wide Outside. 11 ran. 2l, nk, 2½l, 1l, 1¾l. L Holt at Basingstoke. Tote win: £1.40, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £15.80. Trio: £79 30. CSF: £23.14. Tricast: £176.94.

Jackpot: £7,053.90.

Placepot: £47.90.

Quadpot: £17.00.

Edinburgh

2.15 (7f 15yd) 1, DON PEPE (J Weaver, 5-4 fav); 2, Ayunli (K Darley, 4-1); 3, Green's Princess (M Fenton, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 6 Michelisa, 14 Bee Dee Best (4th), 20 Cadenabbia (5th), 50 Diamond Crown (6th), 100 Wake Up To Reality. 8 ran. 2½l, 1½l, ½l, ½l, ½l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £2.00. £1.10. DF: £5.40. CSF: £7 71

2.45 (7f 15yd) 1, MISTER BLOY (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Frisky Miss (J Carroll, 11-4 fav); 3, Diet (J Weaver, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ashdren (6th), 10 Dayjuz (5th), 20 Gallant Jack (4th), 50 Sound Of Thunder, 66 Total Up. 8 ran. Hd, 2l, hd, 6l, 7l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £12.44.

3.15 (1m 16yd) 1, GREENBACK (K Darley, 17-2); 2, MCA Below The Line (O Pears, 5-2); 3, Drumdonna (J Carroll, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Thisonesforalice (4th), 14 Ribbold (6th), 25 Home Park (5th). 6 ran. 1l, 3½l, 2l, 3l, 1½l. S Williams at Newmarket. Tote, £9.10; £10.20, £1 00. DF: £9.20. CSF: £27.82.

3.45 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, WARM TOES (J Marshall, 33-1); 2, Lexus (M Fenton, 8-11 fav); 3, Watch Me Go (A Garth, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Cristal Springs, 6 Ventura Fourth (4th), 7 The Dandy Don (5th), 16 Dignified (6th), 33 Tancred Mischief, 66 Notrella. 9 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 3½l, 3l, 2½l. J Bethell at Middleham. Tote: £20.40; £14.10, £1.00, £5 00. DF: £28.50. Trio: £94.40. CSF: £58.25. Tricast: £309.14.

4.15 (5f) 1, NEW HEIGHTS (J Fanning, 4-9 fav); 2, Lady Quinta (J Carroll, 8-1); 3, Sly Dancer (Dean McKeown, 5-2). 3 ran. NR: Loughngg Star. 3l, 3l. C Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.37.

4.45 (1m 7f 16yd) 1, MYSTIC MEMORY (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Latvian (J Stack, 12-1); 3, Milngavie (J Weaver, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Chief Minister (5th), Sarsta Grai, 13-2 Legion Of Honour (6th), 12 Royal Circus, 14 Vain Prince (4th); 33 Never So Lost, 66 Demokos. 10 ran. NR: Scalp 'em. 2½l, 2½l, ½l, nk, sh hd. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £6.20; £1 60, £4 70, £1.10. DF: £27.70. Trio: £28.10. CSF: £60.98. Tricast: £238.72.

5.15 (5f) 1, NINEACRES (J Lowe, 11-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Insider Trader (D Biggs, 13-8), 3, Milsis (A Proud, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ashkernazy (4th), 20 The Fernhill Flyer (6th), 50 In My League (5th). 6 ran. Sh hd, 3½l, 4l, 2½l, 6l. D Nicholls at Thirsk. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.70.

Placepot: £5.50.

Quadpot: £4.50.

□ Stephen Davies moved ahead of rival Michael Fenton at the top of the champion apprentices' table when partnering the Simon Dow-trained Roisin Clover, and Marjorie's Memory, trained by Mikey Heaton-Ellis, to victory at Brighton yesterday. It was a case of mixed fortunes for Davies, though, as the stewards found him guilty of careless riding in the Hove Maiden Fillies Stakes on Roisin Clover. He was suspended for three days from June 22-24.

THUNDERER

2.20 Desert Symphony. 2.50 Cheapspeed. 3.20 Pride Of Pendle. 3.55 Asdaf. 4.30 Flash Of Insight. 5.05 Misbelief. 5.35 My Godson.

GOING: FIRM SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BBC RADIO YORK ELLY FIORENTINI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,190: 7f) (8 runners)

1 (1) 54 BOGART 7 C Fairhurst 9-0 M Birch 89
2 (4) 3-82 DESERT SYMPHONY 38 A Scott 9-0 J Tate (5) 94
3 (6) 2-2 LEVEL SANDS 126 (BF) M Prescott 9-0 K Darley 90
4 (5) -000 LINCOLN TREASURE 25 M Chapman 9-0 D R McCabe (5) 87
5 (7) 0 MIDNIGHT SNACK 54 J Fanshawe 9-0 K Fallon 80
6 (8) 6 OUT OF THE MIST 7 J Pickering 9-0 D Holland 88
7 (3) 06-6 TARNSIDE TURBO 24 J Eberington 9-0 J Carroll 57
8 (2) 6025 MCGILLYCUDDY REEKS 11 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 84

15-8 Desert Symphony, 9-4 Level Sands, 4-1 Midnight Snack, 5-1 Bogart, 8-1 McGillycuddy Reeks, 16-1 Tarnside Turbo, 20-1 Out of The Mist, 25-1 Lincoln Treasure.

2.50 SUTTON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,406: 6f) (9)

1 (5) 00 AIGGUS 40 M H Easterby 8-11 S Maloney (3) 92
2 (7) 6 CHEAPSPEED 38 C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch 86
3 (3) 353 HANGING JUDGE 8 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 89
4 (2) ROBELLINA M Dods 8-11 Dale Gibson —
5 (9) 00 STUFFED 50 M W Easterby 8-11 T Lucas 90
6 (4) 305 GIGGLESWICK GOSSIP 15 M Channon 8-6 T Ives 96
7 (6) 523 OHNONOTAGAIN 28 B Murray 8-6 K Darley 96
8 (1) PRICELESS DUTCH M W Easterby 8-6 C Munday (7) —
9 (8) 54 TAPPEN LADY 18 J Walowright 8-6 S Buckley (7) 95

11-8 Hanging Judge, 3-1 Cheapspeed, 5-1 Giggleswick Gossip, 11-2 Ohnonotagain, 7-1 Tappen Lady, 8-1 Priceless Dutch, 10-1 Aiggus, Stuffed, 12-1 Robellina.

3.20 BBC RADIO YORK FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m) (14)

1 (8) 0316 GLOWING JADE 11 (D,F,G) M Channon 4-9-10 K Darley 98
2 (9) -402 WILLSHE GAN 24 (F,S) Denys Smith 4-9-7 C Teague (7) 92
3 (4) -005 PRIDE OF PENDLE 8 (BF,D,F,G,S) D Nicholls 5-9-3 M Birch 89
4 (7) -234 LALINDI 10 G Wragg 3-9-3 F Norton 95
5 (12) 00-0 LEAVE IT TO LIB 13 (CD,F) P Calver 7-9-2 J Tate (5) 87
6 (2) 0045 KARINSKA 8 (D,F,G) M Chapman 4-9-1 D R McCabe (5) 92
7 (3) 004 SOVIET FASHION 13 B Hanbury 3-8-13 A Munro 90
8 (10) 1013 DEVOTEE 10 (BF,CD,F,G) P Walwyn 3-8-13 D Holland 93
9 (11) 1004 QUEENS CONSUL 6 (D,G) B Rothwell 4-8-10 Alex Greaves 89
10 (1) -051 GLENFIELD GRETA 6 (F,G) P Felgate 6-8-9 (6ex) G Hind 90
11 (5) -010 ZUNO NOELYN 10 (D,F) G Lewis 3-8-5 A Whelan (7) 95
12 (13) 000 WATHEEQAH 13 H Thomson Jones 3-8-4 N Carlisle 95
13 (14) 6000 CELESTIAL CHOIR 10 (G) J Eyre 4-8-1 M McAndrew 87
14 (6) 0006 RAMBOLLINA 12 M W Easterby 3-7-10 L Charnock 86

4-1 Devotee, 9-2 Glenfield Greta, 5-1 Lalindi, Soviet Fashion, 7-1 Pride of Pendle, 8-1 Glowing Jade, Willshe Gan, 10-1 Watheeqah, Karinska, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Walwyn, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; Mrs J Cecil, 3 from 8, 37.5%; G Wragg, 5 from 14, 35.7%; M Prescott, 6 from 27, 22.2%; S Norton, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Fanshawe, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: C Munday, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; A Munro, 5 from 27, 18.5%; S Perks, 8 from 55, 14.5%; M Birch, 21 from 160, 13.1%; J Carroll, 11 from 107, 10.3%; K Fallon, 10 from 100, 10.0%.

3.55 BBC RADIO YORK JONATHAN COWAP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,158: 6f) (12)

1 (10) -100 LUPINE 31 (S) J Watts 9-7 J Carroll 95
2 (9) -800 EARTH CHARTER 15 J Shaw 9-6 K Darley 99
3 (11) 0123 EVANRO 6 (D,G) C Elsey 9-0 C Rutter 96
4 (7) -025 ASDAF 28 (V) P Walwyn 8-13 D Holland 95
5 (4) 1350 FOUR OF SPADES 20 (D,G) B Beasley 8-11 J Tate (5) 89
6 (12) 0466 CULSYTH FLYER 18 (V,D,F,S) R Hollinshead 8-10 T Ives 98
7 (6) 62-1 WARWICK WARRIOR 138 (D,G) P Haslam 8-8 L Charnock 89
8 (9) 0-4F HILTONS TRAVEL 18 (S) E Alston 8-7 K Fallon 97
9 (1) 0030 INDIAN CRYSTAL 5 (B,BF,F) M Johnston 8-4 A Munro 95
10 (3) 00-0 MONKEY FACE 15 J Etherington 8-0 Dale Gibson 83
11 (5) 6000 BRITANNIA MILLS 7 M Chapman 7-12 M Baird (7) 91
12 (2) 5500 PORTITE SOPHIE 6 (B) M Brittain 7-10 J Lowe 95

7-2 Evanro, 4-1 Warwick Warrior, 9-2 Asdaf, Culsyth Flyer, 13-2 Lupine, 7-1 Four Of Spades, 8-1 Hiltons Travel, 12-1 Portite Sophie, 14-1 others.

4.30 BBC RADIO YORK JULIA BOOTH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,888: 7f) (13)

1 (4) 500 BORROWBY 43 M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas 90
2 (8) 0 BULSARA 48 C Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning —
3 (3) 0 FLASH OF INSIGHT 32 B Hanbury 9-0 D Holland —
4 (11) 000 HEE'S A DANCER 38 B Rothwell 9-0 N Carlisle 79
5 (1) 40 JUST DANDY 11 Capt J Wilson 9-0 J Fortune —
6 (10) NUTTY FELLA S Norton 9-0 J Tate (5) —
7 (13) 0 QUICK THINKER 11 M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch —
8 (7) 65 ROYAL EXPRESSION 22 N Tinkler 9-0 K Darley 90
9 (2) 3 STAR FIGHTER 8 W O'Gorman 9-0 T Ives 96
10 (5) 30 THE COTTONWOOL KID 60 T Caldwell 9-0 P McCabe (5) 60
11 (12) 45 ANOTHER BAILEYS 15 M Johnston 8-9 A Munro 89
12 (6) 40 CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 15 D Nicholls 8-9 Alex Greaves 74
13 (9) 06 CONEYGREE 18 J Wharton 8-9 K Darley —

9-4 Another Baileys, 3-1 Star Fighter, 9-2 Flash of Insight, 11-2 Royal Expression, 7-1 Borrowby, 8-1 Nutty Fella, 12-1 others.

5.05 ERNEST NORRIS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 4f) (6)

1 (4) 51-5 MISBELIEF 55 (CD,F) J Fanshawe 4-10-0 K Fallon 89
2 (3) 0-00 MOSHAAJIR 43J (S) C Smith 4-9-7 K Rutter (3) 92
3 (6) 0512 DOUBLE ECHO 35 (BF,D,F,G,S) J Bethell 6-9-0 J Lowe 89
4 (2) 3040 TAHITIAN 12 (F) N Tinkler 5-8-8 K Darley 97
5 (5) 100- PERSIAN SOLDIER 256J (CD,F,G) E Alston 7-7-12 N Carlisle 88
6 (1) 6600 ABELONI 18 (G) R Hollinshead 5-7-8 A Garth (5) 94

9-4 Double Echo, 5-2 Misbelief, 4-1 Tahitian, 7-1 Abeloni, 8-1 others.

5.35 NEWPLAN FURNITURE LADIES HANDICAP (£2,448: 7f) (13)

1 (12) -081 TOUJOURS RIVIERA 13 (D,G) J Pearce 4-11-7 Mrs L Pearce 89
2 (9) 0-10 SUPEROO 10 (D,F,G) Mrs P Sly 8-11-7 Miss L Allan (7) 88
3 (11) 150- SHALABIA 315 (D,F) J Eyre 5-11-0 Mrs C Hirst (7) 85
4 (1) 065- VISIMOTION 45J Mrs J Cecil 4-10-13 Mrs J Crossley 86
5 (8) 4406 MAID WELCOME 20 (V,BF,D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-10-9 Miss A Sanders (4) 85
6 (5) 0650 BALLAD DANCER 6 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 9-10-9 Mrs F Needham (4) 94
7 (4) 3130 RESOLUTE BAY 10 (B,CD,F,G) R Whitaker 8-10-9 Miss S Brotherton (7) 88
8 (6) 4016 ARC LAMP 4 (F,G) J Glover 8-10-6 Miss V Haigh (4) 91
9 (2) 0520 CELESTINE 10 (V,D,F,G,S) C Fairhurst 5-10-6 Mrs S Bosley (4) 92
10 (7) 2635 CAPTAIN SABAT 15 Mrs J Ramsden 3-10-5 Miss F Haynes (4) 90
11 (3) 0053 MY GODSON 11 (V,F,S) B Beasley 4-10-2 Miss Diana Jones 90
12 (10) 0142 MIMULWA 4 (BF,D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 8-9-13 Mrs D Kettlewell (4) 94
13 (13) 0606 KISSAVOS 10 (D,F,G) C Elsey 8-9-10 Miss A Elsey (4) 92

11-4 Toujours Riviera, 9-2 Superoo, 11-2 Visimotion, 6-1 Mimulwa, 7-1 others.

BONKERED FIRST TIME: Royal Ascot: 3.45 Psychobabble, 5.30 Indian Quest. Thirsk: 3.55 Portite Sophie.

Green Tune to quicken tempo in mile

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ONE hundred and sixty years after the inaugural running of the St James's Palace Stakes ended in a walk-over, the feature event on the opening day of Royal Ascot today has produced a race in keeping with modern times — a pan-European thriller.

The nine colts who go to post for the £150,000-added group one race include the winners of the 2,000 Guineas in Ireland, France and Germany, not to mention the runner-up of the Newmarket classic.

By far the most interesting runner, in terms of the way racing is developing throughout Europe, is Royal Abjar, trained by Andreas Woehler at Bremen in Germany, who clipped two seconds off the Cologne course record when earning classic glory in only the third race of his career a month ago.

The son of Gone West (sire of Zafonic) is one of 29 horses managed by the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned Gainsborough Stud which are trained in Germany by Woehler and Bruno Schutz. The substantial expansion into German racing by the Dubai family started two years ago when the Maktoums boycotted the Newmarket sales, purportedly as a protest about VAT on bloodstock.

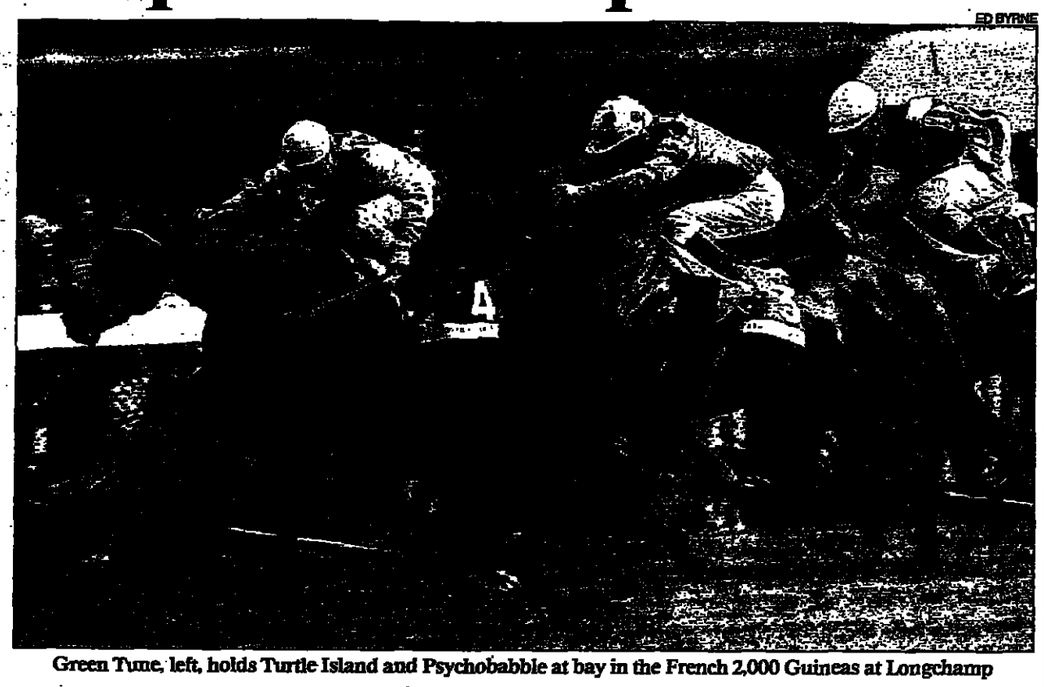
The colt, whose yearling price was $165,000, has shown a sparkling turn of foot in each of his three victories. Willie Ryan, who rode Royal Abjar at Cologne, and Mick Channon, trainer of the runner-up, Piccolo, both insisted yesterday Royal Abjar is a high-class horse who deserves his chance against the best three-year-old milers.

No German raider has won a top race in Britain since Star Appeal captured the Eclipse Stakes in 1975 and, although I expect Royal Abjar to run well, there may be a couple of runners with more experience and extra class.

Turtle Island is unquestionably the outstanding miler in Europe when conditions are in his favour as he showed when winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas by an incredible 15 lengths on heavy ground. However, the Robert Sangster-Peter Chapple-Hyam representative is yet to win on any ground firmer than good and given his likely starting price, he represents poor value.

A week before winning at the Curragh, "the Turtle" looked sure to overhaul Green Tune at Longchamp but the Criquette Head-trained runner quickened a second time inside the final furlong to win the French 2,000 Guineas.

The connections of Turtle Island put the defeat down to a poor draw or being a gallop short of 100 per cent fitness.



ED BYRNE

Green Tune, left, holds Turtle Island and Psychobabble at bay in the French 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp

Maybe, but I was mightily impressed with Green Tune and believe the trainer can emulate her father, Alec, who won this race in 1960 with Venture VII at 33-1 on.

Of the others, the lightly-raced Distant View has been pleasing Henry Cecil and looks sure to run a big race, while Grand Lodge will appreciate today's faster surface after becoming bogged down in the Curragh mud. However, the dark horse is First Trump, who twice beat Turtle Island last year, and ran promisingly on his seasonal debut at Longchamp recently.

The King Edward VII Stakes, known for many years as the Ascot Derby, has attracted five of the horses who gained a distant view of Erhaab's posterior at Epsom. Weigh Anchor, who disappointed in thirteenth place having been runner-up in the Dante Stakes, would have clear claims if reproducing his York run.

The beautifully-bred Foyer, brought down in the Derby melee, is none the worse for his ordeal but would prefer ground with more give. However, there are no such concerns about another Michael Stoute-trained runner, **Golden Ball**, who did not enjoy the clearest of passages at Epsom, but has thrived at home. Despite finishing five lengths adrift of sixth-placed Pencader, he can oblige.

In the marathon Ascot Stakes, the booking of Michael Kinane for Tilty catches the eye, especially as the Richard Harmon-trained runner is one of the few who will relish the step up in distance.

Nap: EMPEROR JONES
(2.30 Royal Ascot)
Next best: Golden Ball
(4.55 Royal Ascot)

THUNDERER

2.30 Barathea	4.20 Sri Pekan
3.05 Chatoyant	4.55 WEIGH ANCHOR (nap)
3.45 Grand Lodge	5.30 Tilty

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 **SILCA BLANCA**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 **EMPEROR JONES** (nap). 3.05 Muhtarram. 4.55 Foyer.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.30 QUEEN ANNE STAKES
BBC1
(Group I: £56,794: 1m str) (10 runners)

101 (1) 15542- BARATHEA 220 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-8 ..... M J Kinane 97
102 (7) 2326-41 EMPEROR JONES 32 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohamed) J Gosden 4-8-5 ..... L Dettori 89
103 (3) 530-069 GARDEN OF HEAVEN 14 (D,B,G) (B Veuly C Britain 5-9-5 ..... M Roberts 96
104 (2) 13153-0 MASSYAR 304 (D,G,S) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 4-8-5 ..... R Cochrane 84
105 (4) 1550-00 SWING LOW 32 (D,F,G,S) (Rathvale Ltd) R Hannon 5-8-5 ..... C Asmussen 92
106 (5) 444002- FITZCARRALDO 265 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-9-2 ..... J Weaver 78
107 (10) 5310-53 GABR 53 (D,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Akehurst 4-9-2 ..... W Carson 93
108 (8) 113-013 MISSED FLIGHT 32 (D,S) (W Gredley) C Wall 4-9-2 ..... W Woods 93
109 (6) 643-216 SONET LINE 13 (D,BF,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-2 W R Swinburn 95
110 (9) 30-2522 VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 9 (D,F,G,S) (Giacomo Ivello) J Dunlop 4-8-2 ..... Pat Eddery 94

BETTING: 9-4 Emperor Jones, 3-1 Barathea, 7-1 Gabr, Ventiquattrofogli, 10-1 Missed Flight, Sonet Line, 14-1 Swing Low, 16-1 Massyar, 20-1 Garden Of Heaven, 100-1 Fitzcarraldo.

1993: ALFIERA 4-8-2 M J Kinane (20-1) C Britain 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARATHEA 1½l 2nd of 9 to Bigstone in group I Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on the round course here (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. EMPEROR JONES beat Alflora 3½l in group II Jockeymore Lockinge Stakes at Newbury (1m, good), with MISSED FLIGHT (3lb better off) head 3rd and SWING LOW (3lb better off) 4¾l 5th. GARDEN OF HEAVEN 3½l 3rd of 14 to Chatoyant in group III Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, good).

MASSYAR 1l and neck 3rd of 7 to Assema in group III Desmond Stakes at the Curragh (1m, yielding). GABR 1½l and short-head 3rd of 8 to Pitney Drops in group II Stockton Moorland Mile at Sandown (1m, good to soft), with EMPEROR JONES (5lb worse off) 1¼l 4th and VENTIQUATTROFOGLI ¾l 5th. SONET LINE beat Philidor ½l in 12-runner listed handicap at York (1m, firm) on penultimate start. Selection: EMPEROR JONES

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P Chapple-Hyam	3	17	17.6	L Piggott	3	27	11.1
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3.05 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES
BBC1
(Group II: £66,355: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

201 (5) 1020-63 EZZOUD 36 (V,D,F,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 5-9-7 ..... W R Swinburn 95
202 (8) 1110-12 MUHTARRAM 16 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 5-9-7 ..... W Carson 98
203 (9) 2134-40 BENERCIAL 14 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) G Wragg 4-9-5 ..... Pat Eddery 89
204 (1) 030-630 REVELATION 14 (D,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 4-9-5 ..... J Reid 87
205 (10) 2511-21 CHATOYANT 14 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-9-3 ..... M J Kinane 89
206 (11) 1410-09 KARINGA BAY 13 (D,F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 7-8-3 ..... B Rouse 85
207 (4) 2225-32 NEEDLE GUN 30 (S Stanley) C Britain 4-9-3 ..... M Roberts 88
208 (3) 632-234 SHINTILLO 13 (S) (Tabagero S R L) L Cumani 4-9-3 ..... J Weaver 84
209 (6) 31-2140 TALENTED 11 (D,G,S) (Godolphin) H Ibrahim (UAE) 4-9-2 ..... L Dettori 89
210 (7) 10-116 CICERAO 9 (D,F,S) (I Allan) H Cecil 3-8-4 ..... C Asmussen 93
211 (2) 16-2 LUHUK 59 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-4 ..... T Quinn 84

BETTING: 5-2 Muhtarram, 7-2 Chatoyant, Cicerao, 8-1 Ezzoud, 12-1 Needle Gun, 14-1 Beneficial, 16-1 Luhuk, 20-1 Talented, 33-1 Karinga Bay, Revelation, 40-1 Shintillo.

1993: PLACERVILLE 3-8-4 Pat Eddery (11-2) H Cecil 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

EZZOUD short-head and 3½l dead-heat 3rd of 7 to Perfect Imposter in the group II Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (1m 2f, soft) with REVELATION (1lb worse off). MUHTARRAM neck 2nd of 6 to Bigstone in group I Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp (1m, good). Previously beat NEEDLE GUN (4lb better off) 2¾l in group I Prix de Fontainebleau at Longchamp (1m 2f, 5rd, CHATOYANT beat Marcof 3l in 14-runner group III Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, good), with REVELATION (3lb better off) 6l 5th and BENERCIAL (3lb better off) 3l 11th. SHINTILLO about 2¾l 4th of 11 to Bluegrass Prince in group III Diomed Stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good), with KARINGA BAY (3lb better off) about 6l 7th. CICERAO about 3½l 6th of 15 to Celtic Arms in group I Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly (1m 4f, good to soft). TALENTED 10½l 5th of 11 to Apple Tree in group I Coronation Cup at Epsom (1m 4f 10yd, good to firm). LUHUK (2 2nd of 8 to Turtle Island in group III Greenham Stakes at Newbury (7f, soft).

Selection: MUHTARRAM

3.45 ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES
BBC1
(Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £130,329: 1m) (9 runners)

301 (6) 00-414 CZARNA 17 (S) (Oakdowne Investments Ltd) C Britain 9-0 ..... M Roberts 60
302 (9) 1-232 DARNAY 16 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ..... L Dettori 91
303 (2) 251 DISTANT VIEW 17 (D,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 ..... Pat Eddery 93
304 (5) 111311-2 FIRST TRUMP 19 (F,G,S) (Maktoum Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ..... M Hills 89
305 (3) 311-624 GRAND LODGE 39 (C,G,S) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 ..... M J Kinane 90
306 (4) 136-11 GREEN TUNE 37 (D,F,S) (J Wertheimer) Mrs C Head (Fr) 9-0 ..... G Mosse 90
307 (5) 1238-13 PSYCHOBABBLE 37 (B,F,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 ..... C Asmussen 86
308 (7) 111 ROYAL ABJAR 30 (D,G,S) (J Abdullah) A Wohler (Ger) 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 83
309 (1) 114-121 TURTLE ISLAND 30 (C,D,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ..... J Reid 89

BETTING: 2-1 Turtle Island, 4-1 Green Tune, 5-1 Distant View, 6-1 Grand Lodge, 10-1 First Trump, Royal Abjar, 12-1 Psychobabble, 16-1 Darnay, 200-1 Czarna.

1993: KINSHASHO 9-0 C Asmussen (2-5 fav) F Boutin (Fr) 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CZARNA 5½l 4th of 12 to Desert Tom in handicap at Haydock (1m 30yd, good to firm). DARNAY 1l 2nd of 6 to Millkom in group I Prix Jean Prat at Longchamp (1m 1f, good). DISTANT VIEW beat Duchess 6l in maiden at Kempton (1m, soft). FIRST TRUMP 1½l 2nd of 7 to Young Em in group III Prix du Palais-Royal at Longchamp (7f, soft). GRAND LODGE short-head 2nd of 23 to Mister Baileys in group I Madagascar 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with DISTANT VIEW 2¼l 5th. GREEN TUNE beat TURTLE ISLAND short-neck in group I Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp (1m, good), with PSYCHOBABBLE 1½l 3rd. ROYAL ABJAR beat Piccolo 6l in group II Mehl Mulhens Rennen at Cologne (1m, good). TURTLE ISLAND beat Guided Tour 15l in 9-runner group I Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, soft), with GRAND LODGE short-head and 4½l 4th.

Selection: GREEN TUNE

4.20 COVENTRY STAKES
BBC2
(Group III: 2-Y-O: £26,270: 6f) (16 runners)

401 (3) AL SAFEER (Z Galadari) N Callaghan 8-13 ..... C Asmussen —
402 (4) 4 BEAUCHAMP JAZZ 17 (E Penney) J Dunlop 8-13 ..... W Carson 80
403 (2) 411 CIM BOM BOM 8 (D,F,S) (Y Bloy) M Bell 8-13 ..... M Fenton 90
404 (16) 11 CITADEED 15 (D,F,S) (I Allan) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 ..... L Dettori 83
405 (1) 43 EASY DOLLAR 17 (B Gabby Ltd) B Gabby 8-13 ..... Paul Eddery 89
406 (12) 4641 I SHOULD COCOA 19 (D,S) (D Abey) B Meehan 8-13 ..... B Doyle 84
407 (7) 1 MISSEL 11 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 ..... M J Kinane 81
408 (15) 1 MOON KING 20 (S) (M Sutnill) R Hannon 8-13 ..... W R Swinburn 89
409 (6) 4 PELLEMAN 31 (BF) (M Berger) R Boss 8-13 ..... M Roberts 69
410 (10) 1 PIPE MAJOR 33 (D,F) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-13 ..... J Weaver 86
411 (8) 1 RAMBRIMO 34 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 ..... J Reid 83
412 (12) 2 REEFA'S MILL 5 (D Lewis) R Simpson 8-13 ..... R Cochrane 74
413 (9) 17 SILCA BLANKA 13 (D,B,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-13 ..... Pat Eddery 89
414 (13) 31 SIR SILVER SOX 38 (D,S) (M Bagley) T Stack (Ire) 8-13 ..... L Piggott —
415 (14) 211 SRI PEKAN 17 (D,F,S) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-13 ..... T Quinn 92
416 (11) 06 TOMMYKOCKER 14 (BF) (J Long) J Jenkins 8-13 ..... W Newnes 61

BETTING: 7-2 Silca Blanka, 4-1 Rambrino, 8-1 Moon King, Sri Pekan, 8-1 Citadeed, Sir Silver Sox, 10-1 Missel, Pipe Major, 14-1 Beauchamp Jazz, Cim Bom Bom, 16-1 Pelleman, 20-1 others.

1993: STORMHATCH 8-13 J Reid (Evens fav) P Chapple-Hyam 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUCHAMP JAZZ 2l and neck 4th of 15 to Al Mutoosh in maiden at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). CIM BOM BOM beat Star Of Gold 3½l in 8-runner conditions race at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). CITADEED beat Lago Di Vasari neck in 5-runner conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). I SHOULD COCOA beat Star Waters 7l in 12-runner maiden at Brighton (5f 213yd, soft). MISSEL beat Unanimous Vote 1½l in 15-runner maiden at Haydock (6f, good). MOON KING beat Star Tally 7l in 7-runner maiden at Newbury (5f 34yd, soft). PELLEMAN 3¼l 4th of 13 to Subye in maiden at Thirsk (5f, firm). PIPE MAJOR beat Sabaree 1½l in 9-runner maiden at York (6f, firm). RAMBRIMO beat Petoskin 2½l in 7-runner conditions race at York (6f, firm). SILCA BLANKA beat Shamanic 3½l in 11-runner listed race at Epsom (6f, good). SIR SILVER SOX beat Starpress ½l Mind 2 head in 14-runner maiden at Leopardstown (6f, good). SRI PEKAN beat Silvadale 3l in 9-runner conditions race at Kempton (5f, soft).

Selection: SILCA BLANKA

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

108 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 86

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — trainer, V — visor, H — blood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer, Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES
(Group II: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £69,034: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

501 (8) 4-132 CEDEZ LE PASSAGE 17 (G) (A Richards) C Britain 8-8 ..... M Roberts 88
502 (1) 311U FOYER 13 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8 ..... M J Kinane 87
503 (7) 0-20 GOLDEN BALL 13 (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 8-8 ..... W Carson 88
504 (6) U-112 MOONAX 42 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8 ..... M Hills 84
505 (2) 411 OPERA SCORE 26 (F,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-8 ..... Pat Eddery 94
506 (5) 12-06 PENCADER 13 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 ..... J Reid 86
507 (3) 201-630 STAR SELECTION 13 (S) (M Arbib) P Cole 8-8 ..... T Quinn 93
508 (4) 31-320 WEIGH ANCHOR 13 (S) (R Hitchins) I Balding 8-8 ..... L Dettori 89

BETTING: 9-1 Pencader, 7-2 Opera Score, Pencader, 9-2 Weigh Anchor, 8-1 Golden Ball, 14-1 Moonax, Star Selection, 33-1 Cedez Le Passage.

1993: BENERCIAL 8-8 M Hills (11-4) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOYER beat Owenboy short-head in 10-runner conditions race at York (1m 2f 85yd, firm) on penultimate start. GOLDEN BALL neck 2nd of 13 to Full Deposit in maiden at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. MOONAX 5l 2nd of 6 to Broadway Flyer in group III Chester Vase (1m 4f 65yd, good to firm). OPERA SCORE beat King Of Naples ½l in 5-runner listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, soft), with STAR SELECTION 3½l 3rd. PENCADER 8½l 6th of 25 to Erhaab in group I Ever Ready Derby at Epsom (1m 4f, good), with GOLDEN BALL 5½l 7th. STAR SELECTION 2l 9th. WEIGH ANCHOR 5¼l 13th and FOYER unseated rider 6f out. WEIGH ANCHOR 3½l 2nd of 9 to Erhaab in group II Dante Stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, firm) on penultimate start, with PENCADER 13½l 7th.

Selection: PENCADER

5.30 ASCOT STAKES
(Handicap: £25,635: 2m 4f) (30 runners)

601 (6) 0-04415 GOOD HAND 17 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 8-9-11 ..... N Connorton 92
602 (24) 040620- CURRENCY BASKET 6 (G) (P O'Leary) P O'Leary (Ire) 5-9-10 ..... W J O'Connor 98
603 (25) 00-1282 KADASTROF 17 (B,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 4-8-9 ..... D Meredith (5) 96
604 (5) 0-51000 BOLD RESOLUTION 17 (C,F,G,S) (K Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-8 ..... M Roberts 96
605 (21) 32-2503 STAR PLAYER 17 (F,G) (F Smith) R Baker 8-9-7 ..... L Piggott 93
606 (12) 2301-50 BARDOLPH 17 (B,D,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 7-9-6 ..... T Quinn 92
607 (11) 006325- DARK DEN 10J (G Ohlsson) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-5 ..... Paul Eddery 90
608 (8) 2342-10 JONSALAH 41 (S) (A Ward) T Mills 4-9-5 ..... J Reid 94
609 (28) 4403-21 ADMIRAL'S WELL 17 (S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-3 ..... Pat Eddery 95
610 (27) 140-002 SUN GREBE 17 (F,G) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) J Dunlop 4-9-3 ..... W Carson 96
611 (13) 315223- ELBURG 186J (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 4-8-2 ..... R Cochrane 90
612 (14) /00-600 SWEET GLOW 14 (G) (Mrs M Fairbrother) M Pipe 7-9-1 ..... C Asmussen 90
613 (22) 2214-01 HIGH SUMMER 32 (F,G) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 4-9-1 ..... Dean McKeown 96
614 (7) 010-020 SUMMER WIND 27 (F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-0 ..... B Doyle (3) 93
615 (23) 041-802 SCARLET TUNIC 17 (G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-13 ..... L Dettori 89
616 (15) 3558-31 DOYCE 41 (F,G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 5-8-13 ..... G Bardwell 91
617 (4) 000130 CHAKALAK 14 (F,G) (P Chalko) S Dow 5-8-12 ..... M Hills 95
618 (3) 2/44 INDIAN QUEST 11 (B) (J L Racing) N Gaselee 5-8-11 ..... B Thomson 89
619 (26) 6-40688 STAR QUEST 17 (G,S) (T Corsley) J Jenkins 7-8-9 ..... W Newnes 97
620 (29) 0-00005 SNOW BOARD 8 (B,F,G) (G Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 5-8-9 ..... M Fenton (3) 93
621 (9) 15-0045 MONARDA 10 (F,G,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 7-8-8 T G McLaughlin (5) 94
622 (17) 4103-06 ADDICTED TO LOVE 14 (B,G) (Mascalls Stud) P Makin 5-8-9 ..... W R Swinburn 93
623 (30) 3300-00 TILTY 14 (B,F,G) (Mrs D Cook) R Hannon 4-8-8 ..... M J Kinane 95
624 (18) 501311 ARGYLE CAVALIER 15 (F,G,S) (E Jones (Paints) Ltd) M Johnston 4-8-3 J Weaver 93
625 (2) 242100 PRIMO RIGLIO 10 (B,G,S) (Townsville C C) Miss L Siddall 4-8-3 ..... D Hardiess 96
626 (15) 220040 ALUMOSA 10 (F,G) (Dunstos Four Two) T Naughton 5-8-1 ..... Stephen Davies (5) 95
627 (10) 3-04100 LUNAR RISK 17 (F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 4-7-10 ..... D Wright (5) 93
628 (20) 0005-35 TEACHER 14 (R Gibbons) J Retnell 4-7-10 ..... A Mackay 95
629 (1) 222563 ALDARAWAAN 11 (G Harwood) G Harwood 5-7-10 ..... D Biggs 91
630 (19) 143023 HEAD TURNER 14 (B,G,S) (I Jeward) C Wildman 5-7-7 ..... N Adams 89

Long handicap: Head Turner 7-4.

BETTING: 9-1 Admiral's Well, 10-1 Bold Resolution, Sun Grebe, 14-1 Doyce, Tilty, 16-1 Dark Den, Kadastrof, Scarlet Tunic, 20-1 Addicted To Love, Argyle Cavalier, Good Hand, High Summer, Monarda, 25-1 Bardolph, Chakalak, Currency Basket, Jonsalah, Star Player, Summer Wind, Sweet Glow, 33-1 others.

1993: BALASANI 7-9-1 M Perrett (8-1) M Pipe 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR PLAYER 2l 3rd of 11 to Gondolier in handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm), with GOOD HAND (1lb better off) 2¾l 5th. JONSALAH beat Paradise Navy (l) in 15-runner handicap at Kempton (2m, soft), with DOYCE (5lb better off) 8l 3rd, BOLD RESOLUTION (4lb better off) 15l 5th and CHAKALAK, MONARDA and SCARLET TUNIC tailed off 10th, 12th and 15th.

ADMIRAL'S WELL beat dead-heaters KADASTROF (3lb better off) and SUN GREBE (3lb better off) 1¾l in 15-runner handicap at Kempton (2m, soft), with PRIMO RIGLIO (7lb better off) 2l 8th, BOLD RESOLUTION (7lb better off) 6l 10th and BARDOLPH, LUNAR RISK and STAR QUEST tailed off 11th, 13th and 14th. DOYCE beat Mokbert ½l in 17-runner Chester Cup (2m 2f 117yd, good to firm), with BARDOLPH (5lb better off) about 4l 5th, STAR PLAYER (4lb better off) 5¼l 8th and JONSALAH tailed off 17th. ARGYLE CAVALIER beat Unsuspicious ½l in 10-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). ALDARAWAAN 2¼l 3rd of 10 to Pharamineux in claimer at Goodwood (1m 6f, good). TEACHER 5l 5th of 13 to Bit On The Side in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good), with ADDICTED TO LOVE (1lb better off) a further ½l 6th, TILTY (2lb better off) 9¾l 8th and CHAKALAK 61¼l 10th. DARK DEN, wearing hoodlet, 14l 2nd of 11 to Tudor Island in handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, good) last November.

Selection: DOYCE

Dim light at the end of Ascot tunnel

Chris Brasher explains why he will wait until Friday before brushing shoulders with a packed crowd at the royal meeting

Time is the most precious commodity in the world, which is why I shall not be going to Royal Ascot today or tomorrow, or on Thursday. But I will be there on Friday, because I love to spend some of my time with horses.

That sounds like one of those impenetrable conundrums, so I had better explain. Recently, a young man called Jonathan Garrett conducted his own investigation into "the attitude of the public towards racegoing". Not surprisingly, he discovered that racegoers enjoy watching the horses race, having a bet, socialising with friends, watching the horses parade, and having a drink — in that order.

Have you tried doing all five at Royal Ascot? I did, and this is what happened: I joined my friends in the grandstand, had a drink, and exchanged information about the horses. So far, so good. Now to see the horses on parade. It is not easy to move through the crowd, and absolutely impossible when you get to the tunnel which links the grandstand with the parade ring. All you can do is shuffle along, until eventually you emerge into daylight, and take up a position at the parade ring.

Alas, there are no horses. Last year, the first horse came into the ring 16 minutes before the off, and they all left the ring five minutes before the off. Some of them were only in the ring long enough to do one circuit.

So this racegoer has shuffled through that damned tunnel getting hotter and hotter, stood on concrete steps for ten minutes, and then never had any time to assess the horses before they left for the start.

This they can do in a leisurely fashion, while the racegoer has to hurtle to the tunnel, shuffle through it, and join another queue for the Tote before haring upstairs to find that the horses are already running, and that everybody's standing up, and that all that is visible is a flash of the jockeys' silks.

Maybe it is not a meeting for the racegoer. Maybe it is the one meeting of the year when racing is not the main attraction. Maybe it is all about hats and dresses, champagne and smoked salmon. So why not move that circus to The Mall, close that great street for the week, set up tables and chairs, canopies and carpets, and have prizes for the best turned out filly and the smartest lad?

But in the meantime there are improvements which could be made to Royal Ascot. The first is to reorganise the lay-out so that the Royal Enclosure does not separate the parade ring from the grandstand. The second suggestion is that all horses should be saddled and in the ring 25 minutes before the off. The trainers won't like it, because many feel that a horse starts to get worked up as soon as it is saddled. But it would be the same for everybody.

I will forget all these moans on Friday, because that is the day when Maid For Walking runs. I still cannot believe it. I wanted a horse to feed my addiction between April and October — an addiction which is well taken care of in the winter months by owning a National Hunt horse or two. I cannot really describe the addiction, because it is all-pervasive. But when I have a horse running, every molecule in my body is jumping.

So I needed a Flat horse to bridge the summer gap. David Loder chose her for me at last year's Newmarket Yearling Sales. She is almost black, with the suggestion of a white star on her forehead, which reminds me of Petite Etoile, the first filly I fell in love with.

My "Maid" has run twice so far: the first time she was beaten 1¼ lengths by Millstream, the likely favourite for tomorrow's Queen Mary Stakes; the second time, she came won by seven lengths at Leicester. And now we hope that she will take her chance in the Windsor Castle Stakes with Frankie Dettori on her back.

But maybe it is all a dream. The conventions of racing do not permit a one-horse owner on a limited budget to possess a filly that is rated as high as any in the land. And the conventions of racing do not permit a trainer, in only his second season, to have the highest percentage of winners to runners in the land.

Maybe the dream *is* real, because, after all, sport is about those people — and David Loder is one of them — who do not accept the concept of the impossible.

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Cicerao to shrug off Chantilly defeat

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2.30: Barathea has the best form and the ground is in his favour, but a number of factors militate against him. He carries the maximum 6lb penalty for his Irish 2,000 Guineas victory last year and lacks a recent outing. Furthermore, the antics of his pacemaker, Fitzcarraldo, will play straight into the hands of Emperor Jones. The Danzig colt is most effective off a fast pace, which, but for Fitzcarraldo's presence, might otherwise have been non-existent. He can underline the merit of his Newbury performance last month, when Missed Flight and Swing Low were among his vanquished opponents. Bouncing off the fast ground, Emperor Jones revealed himself a much-improved performer and won with authority. Soviet Line, disappointing at Epsom last time, will be better served by this straight mile but Massyar must improve to figure here.

3.05: Cicerao, whose stamina failed him in the French Derby nine days ago, can enhance the fine recent record of three-year-olds in this race. The colt, trained by Henry Cecil, has shrugged off his Chantilly exertions and looks capable of following up the stable's victory 12 months ago with Placerville, another three-year-old.

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The talented Muhtarram offers stern opposition but is burdened with the maximum penalty, an impost that also applies to Ezzoud. Chatoyant, an improving four-year-old, holds Revelation and the disappointing Beneficial but this represents his stiffest test to date. Talented, now back to her best trip, would prefer more give underfoot.

3.45: see above

BBC2

4.20: Rambrino represents Peter Chapple-Hyam's in-form stable and will be a popular fancy after his decisive debut victory at York. His odds will fully reflect that, however, and preference here is for Sri Pekan. A well-grown individual, Sri Pekan displayed his prowess when he toyed with the subsequent winner, Shandine, at Kempton last month.

Silca Blanka looked very fast when easily beating Shamanic at Epsom on Derby day, when the latter failed to act on the track. Richard Hannon, the trainer of Shamanic, this time relies on Moon King, a facile Newbury scorer but on much softer ground. Cim Bom Bom is from a stable with plenty of juvenile talent while Beauchamp Jazz shaped encouragingly when fourth at Doncaster. Missel and Citadeed do not look good enough.

JULIAN MUSCAT

Tottenham likely to escape demotion

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TOTTENHAM Hotspur are likely to face a heavy fine as a result of a Football Association investigation into allegations that the club made unauthorised payments to players that starts today.

The charges of financial irregularities at the club relate to a period before Alan Sugar became chairman in June 1991. About £400,000 in payments, loans and other benefits are believed to be involved.

The issues are sufficiently complex to make it unlikely a decision will be finalised today. Even if the commission was to reach an adverse verdict quickly, Tottenham would certainly consider an appeal, both to the FA and possibly in court.

It was in the High Court a year ago today that Sugar claimed that he had been told by Terry Venables, the former Tottenham chief executive and now the England coach, that Brian Clough, the former Nottingham Forest manager, liked a "bung". The conversation allegedly related to the transfer of Teddy Sheringham, the England forward, in August 1992. Venables denied he had ever said these words and Clough denied that any money had been passed between the two of them.

However, the revelations in the High Court, when Sugar was contesting an action brought by Venables following his dismissal by Sugar as the Tottenham chief executive, worried both the FA and the Premier League. Last November, the Premier League began an investigation into alleged undercover payments during transfers. A three-man panel was set up consisting of Rick Parry, the league chief executive, Robert Reid QC and Steve Coppell, the former Crystal Palace manager, and their findings were handed over to the FA. On May 13, the FA formally charged Tottenham with misconduct.

Today, the five-man FA commission — two lawyers, Keith Wiseman, a Southampton director, and Frank Patterson, of Durham, plus Jack Wiseman, the chairman of Birmingham City, Ray Kiddle, of Norfolk, and John Reames, the chairman of Lincoln City — will consider the results of the Premier League inquiry and also the written response of Tottenham. It is understood that Sugar has admitted some of the charges but has pleaded for leniency, arguing that the irregularities occurred during the previous regime, when Irving Scholar was chairman.

In 1990, Swindon Town were demoted from the then first division to the third after being found guilty of similar breaches. Swindon subsequently appealed and were placed in the second division.

Tottenham will be anxious to point out the differences between the two cases. The Swindon case involved the law of the land and a club official was jailed. However, Tottenham have already settled matters with the Inland Revenue. Tottenham have also handed over their files to the FA to help the commission reach its conclusion, whereas Swindon denied the charges. The London club will also point out that Liverpool last week circulated shareholders with a document relating to a rights issue that states that all Premier League clubs are undergoing Inland Revenue investigations similar to the one that Tottenham have just faced.

Parry said in February that it was "almost inconceivable" that Tottenham would be relegated as a result of the inquiries. However, many clubs will want to see the rich and influential, like Tottenham, be treated in the same way as a club like Swindon. A compromise might be that Tottenham will be fined and also have some points deducted for the start of next season.

Morrison comes to N Zealand's rescue

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the New Zealanders

THE New Zealanders had rather a humiliating time of it at Bristol yesterday, besides learning that they will be without Danny Morrison, the best and most experienced of their bowlers, for the remaining fortnight of their tour. They started by being party to a lunchtime declaration based on an agreed target (360 in four hours) and finished by nearly losing to a Gloucestershire side with only three county caps in it.

It was a perfect day for a run chase and not the worst pitch on which to attempt one, but the New Zealanders foundered in the early stages of theirs. In the end Morrison had to come in at No 11 and helped to see out the last five minutes. His injury is a hamstring, which went when he was bowling in Sharjah, on the way to England, and has not responded to treatment. A replacement is likely to be found from among several New Zealanders playing League cricket over here.

Sadly for Dawson and Windows, who, in the course of it, made their best first-class scores, the morning's cricket was fourth class at best. Although Gloucestershire were soon the equivalent of 134 for five, the New Zealanders felt committed not to try and bowl them out. Instead, for the next 80 minutes Gloucestershire were force-fed — to such an extent that in 18 overs Dawson and Windows added 173, Windows's 100 in 71 balls equalled Ken Rutherford's, for the New Zealanders at Swansea last Friday, as the season's fastest. It was worth nothing, I am afraid, other than to show that, like Dawson, Windows is a sturdy striker of the ball.

Young bowled eight overs of dobblers for 76 runs, Crowe 12 overs of phantom leg breaks for 81 and Parore took off his wicketkeeping pads to bowl five overs of dross for 55. Windows hit 18 fours and two sixes, Dawson six fours and five sixes. To pass the time, I discovered that Dawson is one of no fewer than 18 old boys of Millfield School contracted to the 18 first-class counties. Smith, who opened Gloucestershire's bowling in this match with some promise, is another.

Even in the days when most counties have fielded a fistful of amateurs, I doubt whether any school would have supplied quite as many as this.

In that it left most of New Zealand's main batsmen with the chance of another knock before Thursday's second Test match, the morning's contrivance was useful to New Zealand, though less so than a properly earned victory would have been. In the event only Greatbatch, with his first half century of the tour, did himself any good, and, having got to 50, even he would have been disappointed to get out when he did. The glimpse he gave of the violence and abandon with which he contributed, as an opening batsman, to New Zealand's successful run in the last World Cup was altogether welcome. If he goes in first at Lord's, as I hope he will, we could think we were watching a left-handed Colin Milburn.

In reducing the New Zealanders to 124 for five at tea yesterday Gloucestershire held some good catches and a number of wild strokes were played. If Greatbatch does play in the Test it will presumably be in place of Hartland, who made nought and 11 here.

Crowe was bowled driving, and when the New Zealanders lost Young, their banker to block out the day from No 8, Gloucestershire found themselves with 80 minutes in which to take the last three wickets, and then 50 minutes to get the last two and finally 12 balls to get the last one. The prize, had they done it, would have been £4,000 of Tetley Bitter's investment in cricket.

Wasim blazes defiance in defeat

HORSHAM (final day of four): Susser (24pts) beat Lancashire (6) by 60 runs

SUSSEX won a fine game of cricket last night but to Wasim Akram went the glory. The Pakistan left-hander was the last man out after making 98 dazzling runs when Eddie Hemmings, who had conceded three of his eight vast sixes, bowled him off an inside edge.

This rousing individual struggle within a team conflict — cricket at its incomparable best — made for memorable viewing.

If Lancashire did not deserve to win the match, and they did not, Wasim was cruelly deprived of his hundred. Whether the cause of his explosive innings was a sense of anger, pent-up frustration, or plain mischief-making, he came out determined to win an unwinnable match. Not many teams make 451 in the fourth innings away from Abergavenny.

In 14 minutes over an hour, Wasim struck ten fours in addition to those eight sixes from 76 balls. It was a magnificent example of selective hitting. One six scattered spectators emerging from a tea tent. Two more disturbed players on a neighbouring tennis court. Another scorched the brickwork of the pavilion.

Even if he had gone without scoring — and he should have done, Hemmings gormlessly missing a chance at mid-off — this would still have been a day, indeed a match, to remember.

Ian Salisbury, given two long spells and plenty of men round the bat, took five wickets in an innings for the first time this season, which is the sort of encouragement he needs.

There was also an innings of some quality by Nick Speak, who made his second half-century of the match, and two outstanding catches. Alan Wells grasped one low and left-handed at slip to get John Crawley. Martin Speight somehow got two hands round a ferocious drive by Graham Lloyd, goalkeeper-fashion, at short extra-cover. The point should not be lost on Lloyd, who offered Franklyn Stephenson that expensive life on the first afternoon.

What a game this is! Hemmings, who ended it in triumph if not glory, had hitherto blundered in the field like a buffoon.

Wandering in from third man early in the day he failed to catch Crawley's top-edged swat. The second reprieve, before Wasim had scored, was one of the great funny moments.

One could almost sense him salivating as Wasim miscued a drive at Ed Giddins. Instead, the ball eluded his reach and as he returned it from the boundary no fewer than three Sussex fielders were on the turf, speechless. The pony-tailed Speight at cover and Paul Jarvis at extra appeared for all the world like a pair of prize gundogs, on all fours, awaiting their master's call. Don't retire just yet, Eddie, not while you provide such rich entertainment.

In order to win, Lancashire needed one of their first three to tether himself to the crease for two sessions. By lunch they had all gone. Jason Gallian tickled a legside catch, Michael Atherton gave Salisbury a return catch he clearly thought was a bump-ball, and Crawley was smartly snaffled off a good length ball that turned, in the classic leg spinner's tradition.

Speak's dismissal, run out from extra cover, when he responded to Lloyd's poor call, marked a turning point, for he was batting extremely well.

Over four days Sussex were worthy winners. But even in defeat Wasim provided an imperishable memory.



Atherton top-edges a four attempting to hook Giddins. Photograph: Tony White

Middleton hit worth eight points

BY JACK BAILEY

BASINGSTOKE (final day of four): Hampshire (14pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5)

IN ONE of the most exhilarating finishes it is possible to imagine, Hampshire came within a run of winning a championship match on home ground for the first time since early last season. Batting with a runner, Tony Middleton managed to strike the last ball for two, where three were needed to win and in doing so gave Hampshire half the cake — eight points — because they batted last in a match drawn with the scores level.

It was a day's cricket with all the ingredients, genuine cricket. An astute declaration by Robinson — based on his own certainty that his team would bowl 60 overs after setting Hampshire 286 to win, instead of the minimum 53 — a plundering innings by Robin Smith of the sort few others in the game could have sustained, which brought him 111 runs from 140 balls and included a six and 18 fours and, finally, a never-say-die spirit in the Nottinghamshire camp which brought them, too, to the brink of victory.

Evans, the trusty warhorse, bowled his heart out. Mike's enthusiasm was infectious, from the almost-continuous and certainly harsh series of cries of encouragement with which he regaled his fellows, to the stint of bowling which saw the back of Morris, Nicholas and Smith at a time when Hampshire were well on top, he pulled more than his considerable weight. Adams again showed himself to be an invaluable overseas recruit, contributing a wonderfully accurate spell at the crucial time.

Not least of the contributors was a splendid four-day pitch for which all credit is due to the groundsman, Mike Grantham. In the final analysis, Nottinghamshire failed to win because their attack did not fire on all cylinders. Afford had one of those days when he was, well, simply unaffordable.

He could scarcely find a length and when he did his line was often awry. Robinson's view of his declaration had been taken in the knowledge that Udal had made the ball turn and pop. Afford was probably trying too hard.

Once on his way, Smith gave him no chance of settling. At the other end, first Morris, with 63 — and what a match he had — then Nicholas were admirable in support. But with these three gone and Benjamin out cheaply, the game tilted one way then the other right to the end.

It would have been cruel for Nottinghamshire to have lost. Their batting yesterday morning was paced to a nicety, although at one time it looked as though they had lost too many wickets to even contemplate a declaration. In the event, admirably suited innings from Archer and Noon, followed by some sturdy blows by Pick gave Robinson the chance to exercise judgment which was almost uncanny.

Middlesex denied by negative Kent

BY SIMON WILDE

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (6pts) drew with Middlesex (6)

NOT even a second century in the match for Desmond Haynes — and his third in successive championship innings — could carry Middlesex to a stiff target of 245 in 44 overs to beat Kent yesterday. Frustrated by the negativity of Mark Benson, the Kent captain, they finished on 204 for seven, content to bat out the final four overs after losing Haynes and Emburey in the same over by Headley.

A last-gasp victory would have been more than Benson deserved. He ensured his bowlers delivered only 24 overs in the 100 minutes before five o'clock and instructed his left-arm spinner, Patel, to bowl from over the wicket as long as Middlesex pursued the runs.

After Roseberry had fallen victim to Fleming's deadly arm before he had faced a ball, Middlesex had to be unconventional and shed wickets regularly to stay in the hunt. They collectively sought the reverse sweep to counter Patel's spoiling tactics, none more brilliantly than Haynes, who employed the stroke repeatedly to fine effect. He even, once, went the whole hog and switched to a left-handed stance as Patel delivered the ball but he failed to make contact and did not attempt the manouevre again.

As if he did not have enough to think about, Haynes, who faced 123 balls for his 103, jarred his knee making room to drive Igglesden and employed a runner from the time his score was in the fifties.

The result means that both sides are still without a championship win, although for much of the day Middlesex appeared to be on course.

For this they had to thank Fraser and Emburey, who were instrumental in Kent's second-innings dismissal for 280. Emburey, who found turn to bowl Patel (acting as nightwatchman for the second time in the match) and have Marsh caught at forward short leg, finished with four for 48, his season's best.

Fraser was at his most frugal, bowling 13 overs for two wickets and just nine runs yesterday.

Kent were partly to blame for their dilemma. Resuming at 146 for three, they never got out of first gear. Hooper added only seven in 11 overs, Fleming and Taylor were both out before they got in and long before lunch Kent had battened down the hatches. Middlesex needed more than 30 overs to wheedle out the last three wickets, which was, as it proved, too long.

Stemp to be reported for misconduct

RICHARD Stemp, the Yorkshire slow left-arm bowler hoping to make his debut for England in the second Test starting at Lord's on Thursday, is to be reported to the Test and County Cricket Board for misconduct after an incident on the final day of the match with Somerset at Bradford (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Stemp is likely to be charged with using foul and abusive language to Mark Lathwell after the Somerset opening batsman had survived an appeal for a catch by the wicketkeeper, Richard Blakey, off Chris Silverwood in the second over of the day. Lathwell edged the ball, but the umpires, David Constant and Bob White, the latter at square leg, were unsure as to whether it had carried and Lathwell was given not out.

Stemp, who was fielding at point, then passed comments in Lathwell's direction and in Silverwood's next over Constant had to come down the pitch to ask the Yorkshire captain, David Byas, to calm him down. Stemp later bowled Lathwell, sending the batsman on his way with a gesture.

What effect this has on Stemp's chances of playing against New Zealand is a matter for Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, who will no doubt also be concerned that on a fourth-day pitch Stemp took only one wicket as Somerset, who had seemed well beaten after two days, emerged with a creditable draw at 224 for four.

Will Kendall, of Oxford University, became the third player in the match — and the second student — to score his maiden first-class hundred in the drawn game with Surrey at the Oval. He reached it off 159 balls, hitting a six and 13 fours, before switching from attack to defence as Oxford, set 268, finished at 210 for seven.

Russell Cake followed Sunday's 107 for Cambridge University against Glamorgan with a hard-hit 66, including three sixes off Robert Croft, before the game at Fenner's was given up with Cambridge still 157 short of their target of 261.

Tetley Bitter Challenge

Gloucestershire v New Zealanders

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the New Zealanders

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 286 for 9 dec (M W Alleyne 70; D J Nash 4 for 59)

Second Innings

S G Hinks lbw b Morrison	7
R J Cunliffe c Hartland b Pringle	40
T H C Hancock c Parore b Pringle	36
M W Alleyne c Hartland b Young	19
M Davies c Young b Crowe	32
R I Dawson lbw b Crowe	87
M G N Windows c Pocock b Larsen	105
*†R C Russell not out	26
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 4, nb 2)	15
Total (7 wkts dec)	368

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-82, 3-89, 4-141, 5-143, 6-316, 7-368.

BOWLING: Morrison 8-2-13-1; Nash 5-0-18-0; Larsen 13-2-38-1; Pringle 14-5-40-2; Thomson 11-4-40-0; Young 8-0-76-1; Crowe 12-0-81-2; Parore 5-0-55-0.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First Innings 295 for 5 dec (B A Pocock 103 not out, B A Young 87, M D Crowe 73)

Second Innings

B A Pocock lbw b Smith	12
B R Hartland c Cunliffe b Williams	11
M J Greatbatch c Hancock b Alleyne	53
M D Crowe b Smith	6
S A Thomson c Windows b Davies	9
†A-C Parore c Cunliffe b Wight	19
*G R Larsen lbw b Wight	26
B A Young lbw b Smith	16
D J Nash not out	24
C Pringle c Russell b Smith	24
D K Morrison not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, nb 14)	22
Total (9 wkts)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-82, 3-68, 4-90, 5-112, 6-129, 7-157, 8-174, 9-222.

BOWLING: Smith 18-8-59-4; Williams 5-1-28-1; Alleyne 9-1-29-1; Davies 20-4-55-1; Wight 16-5-43-2.

Umpires: J W Holder and P Willey.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Hampshire v Nottinghamshire

BASINGSTOKE (final day of four): Hampshire (14pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (5). Hampshire receive eight points as side batting second with scores level

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 435 (G F Archer 100, R T Robinson 66, K P Evans 50)

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Connor	18
*R T Robinson c Aymes b Cowans	63
G F Archer lbw b Connor	57
P Johnson c Maru b Cowans	1
J C Adams c and b Connor	11
†W M Noon not out	55
K P Evans c Aymes b Udal	13
G W Mike c Nicholas b Udal	1
R A Pick c sub b Maru	20
M G Field-Buss not out	2
Extras (lb 7, w 3, nb 2)	12
Total (9 wkts dec)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-124, 3-130, 4-150, 5-161, 6-194, 7-196, 8-241.

BOWLING: Cowans 19-4-51-2; Benjamin 8-3-23-0; Connor 23-4-68-3; Udal 19-2-61-2; Maru 16-8-45-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 403 for 6 dec (R S M Morris 174, A N Aymes 89)

Second Innings

R S M Morris c Field-Buss b Mike	63
V P Terry b Pick	4
R A Smith b Mike	111
*M C J Nicholas c Adams b Mike	33
†A N Aymes c Mike b Evans	29
W K M Benjamin c Archer b Evans	7
S D Udal c and b Adams	5
R J Maru not out	22
C A Connor b Evans	0
T C Middleton not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1)	7
Total (8 wkts)	285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-157, 3-209, 4-220, 5-227, 6-251, 7-270, 8-271.

BOWLING: Pick 5-0-34-1; Evans 17-1-68-3; Afford 8-0-42-0; Field-Buss 15-1-61-0; Adams 7-0-33-1; Mike 8-1-40-3.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (6pts) drew with Middlesex (6)

KENT: First Innings 418 for 8 dec (C L Hooper 89, N R Taylor 86, T R Ward 52)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c and b Emburey	32
*M R Benson c Brown b Fraser	4
T R Ward c Gatting b Emburey	69
C L Hooper lbw b Fraser	33
M M Patel b Emburey	25
N R Taylor c Ramprakash b Johnson	16
M V Fleming lbw b Williams	12
M A Ealham c Brown b Fraser	26
†S A Marsh c Carr b Emburey	29
D W Headley lbw b Weekes	8
A P Igglesden not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 10, nb 19)	31
Total	280

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-102, 3-141, 4-179, 5-185, 6-203, 7-217, 8-258, 9-270.

BOWLING: Williams 25-4-103-1; Fraser 20-10-20-3; Johnson 9-1-40-1; Emburey 24-6-48-4; Weekes 16.4-2-53-1; Ramprakash 1-0-4-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 454 (D L Haynes 104, M R Ramprakash 98, J D Carr 84; M M Patel 4 for 118, D W Headley 4 for 107)

Second Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Headley	103
M A Roseberry run out	0
M R Ramprakash b Fleming	31
*M W Gatting c Fleming b Patel	16
†K R Brown c Ward b Patel	12
P N Weekes c Fulton b Patel	12
J E Emburey b Headley	2
J D Carr not out	8
R L Johnson not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, nb 6)	18
Total (7 wkts)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-85, 3-130, 4-152, 5-179, 6-194, 7-195.

BOWLING: Igglesden 14-0-80-0; Headley 11-0-51-2; Patel 14-2-58-3; Fleming 4-0-19-1; Hooper 0.4-0-8-0.

Umpires: T E Jesty and N T Plews.

Sussex v Lancashire

HORSHAM (final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Lancashire (6) by 60 runs

SUSSEX: First Innings 355 (F D Stephenson 107, J W Hall 55; M Watkinson 4 for 40)

Second Innings 381 for 9 dec (N J Lenham 102, A P Wells 81, F D Stephenson 57)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 288 (M Watkinson 68 not out, N J Speak 62; P J Martin 57; E S H Giddins 5 for 81)

Second Innings

M A Atherton c and b Salisbury	35
J E R Gallian c Moores b Jarvis	13
J P Crawley c Wells b Salisbury	35
N H Fairbrother c Athey b Hemmings	38
N J Speak run out	50
G D Lloyd c Speight b Salisbury	65
*M Watkinson c Stephenson b Salisbury	28
Wasim Akram b Hemmings	98
†W K Hegg c and b Salisbury	3
G Yates c Moores b Hemmings	8
P J Martin not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 4, w 5)	17
Total	390

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-91, 3-92, 4-142, 5-169, 6-257, 7-318, 8-332, 9-383.

BOWLING: Stephenson 7-0-25-0; Jarvis 16-5-40-1; Giddins 14-0-84-0; Hemmings 30.1-8-120-3; Salisbury 32-11-109-5.

Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd.

Yorkshire v Somerset

BRADFORD (final day of four): Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Somerset (6)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 424 (M P Vaughan 105, D Byas 102, R J Blakey 84; M Dimond 4 for 78, G D Rose 4 for 78)

Second Innings 273 for 5 dec (C White 71 not out, D Byas 62, R J Blakey 50)

SOMERSET: First Innings 332 (G D Rose 121, M E Trescothick 54, R D Stemp 4 for 87)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell b Stemp	29
M E Trescothick c Byas b Robinson	26
R J Harden not out	71
N A Folland b Hartley	56
*A N Hayhurst lbw b Hartley	0
†R J Turner not out	26
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	16
Total (4 wkts)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-64, 3-154, 4-154

BOWLING: Hartley 14-2-33-2, Silverwood 8-3-26-0; Robinson 15-9-31-1; Stemp 28-14-57-1; White 4-1-12-0; Vaughan 18-8-47-0 Grayson 9-5-6-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

Other matches

Cambridge University v Glamorgan

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 307 for 2 dec (S P James 138 not out, A Dale 109)

Second Innings

A Roseberry b Haste	94
P A Cottey b Haste	59
A J Dalton c Cooke b Haste	1
R P Lefebvre c Stanley b Haste	32
D L Hemp not out	6
Extras (lb 3, w 2)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-109, 3-178, 4-197.

BOWLING: Haste 15.4-1-69-4, Pitcher 9-2-41-0; Whitsall 9-1-36-0; Hodgson 15-1-48-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 244 for 8 dec (R O Cake 107)

Second Innings

G W Jones c and b Croft	22
R D Mann b Lefebvre	0
J Ratledge c James b Basten	5
R O Cake c Dale b Croft	66
J P Carroll not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (4 wkts)	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-100, 4-104

BOWLING: Basten 8-5-3-1, Lefebvre 7-3-9-1, Dale 4-2-6-0; Barwick 15-10-16-0; Croft 14.2-5-47-2; Hemp 3-0-15-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J C Balderstone.

Surrey v Oxford University

THE OVAL (final day of three): Surrey drew with Oxford University

SURREY: First Innings 397 for 8 dec (A W Smith 202 not out)

Second Innings

M A Butcher c sub b Ecclestone	36
N M Kendrick c sub b Ecclestone	7
N F Sargeant b Ecclestone	46
†G J Kersey c Gupta b Ecclestone	9
G J Kersey c Townsend b Trimby	18
*J Boiling c Kendall b Trimby	5
A W Smith not out	31
D J Thompson run out	22
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 4)	10
Total (7 wkts dec)	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-75, 3-95, 4-104, 5-114, 6-150, 7-184.

BOWLING: Ecclestone 14-5-66-4, Trimby 10-2-37-2; Martin 8.5-3-30-0; Hollins 5-0-30-0; Gupta 1-0-16-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 314 for 6 dec (C M Gupta 105, H S Malik 53 not out)

Second Innings

*R R Montgomerie lbw b Thompson	5
G I Macmillan c Kennis b Boiling	25
C M Gupta c Kennis b Thompson	10
W S Kendall not out	113
S C Ecclestone c and b Boiling	6
C J Hollins lbw b Kendrick	26
H S Malik b Smith	5
N F C Martin c Butcher b Smith	0
†C J Townsend not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 5, nb 6)	14
Total (7 wkts)	210

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-24, 3-78, 4-86, 5-168, 6-187, 7-187.

BOWLING: Murphy 8-4-8-0; Thompson 14-4-37-2; Boiling 18-4-38-2; Kenlock 13-2-44-0; Smith 10-0-55-2; Kendrick 5-0-25-1

Umpires: A Clarkson and R Palmer.

Scotland v Ireland

HAMILTON CRESCENT, GLASGOW (final day of three): Scotland drew with Ireland

IRELAND: First Innings 316 for 5 dec (S G Smyth 70, S J S Warke 60)

Second Innings

S J S Warke c Orr b Richardson	13
M P Rea b Sheridan	27
*D A Lewis not out	113
N G Doak b Richardson	4
G D Harrison not out	105
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 2, nb 10)	19
Total (3 wkts dec)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-49, 3-56

BOWLING: Hamilton 13-5-24-0; Richardson 10-1-41-2; Williamson 9-1-39-0; Sheridan 24-12-34-1; Govan 18-3-80-0; Storie 4-0-9-0; Philip 5-0-47-0.

SCOTLAND: First Innings 279 for 2 dec (B M W Patterson 114, A C Storie 102 not out)

Second Innings

*A C Storie not out	64
I L Philip c Doak b Cooke	10
B M W Patterson b Graham	22
G B J McGurk run out	34
G Salmond not out	28
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 8)	11
Total (3 wkts)	169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-63, 3-130

BOWLING: Moore 13-2-48-0; Cooke 8-1-26-1; Graham 5-1-8-1; Harrison 11-2-39-0, Hoey 11-2-32-0; Smyth 1-0-14-0.

Umpires: P Brown and L Redford.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Essex (11)	6	4	0	2	15	23	102
Leics (9)	5	4	0	1	15	19	98
Surrey (6)	6	4	1	1	16	19	98
Notts (7)	6	4	0	2	9	18	91
Durham (18)	6	3	2	1	16	19	83
Sussex (10)	6	2	0	4	12	17	61
Warwicks (16)	5	2	0	3	11	13	56
Glocs (17)	6	1	2	3	11	21	56
Somerset (5)	6	1	4	1	13	12	41
Lancashire (13)	5	1	2	2	6	18	40
Worcs (2)	6	0	2	4	17	19	36
Northants (4)	6	1	2	3	7	11	34
Hampshire (13)	6	0	3	3	12	14	34
Kent (8)	6	0	3	3	10	20	30
Derbyshire (15)	6	0	4	2	9	19	28
Yorkshire (12)	5	0	1	4	12	16	28
Middlesex (1)	5	0	0	5	9	16	25
Glamorgan (3)	5	0	1	4	8	10	18

Gloucestershire and Hampshire's records include eight points for drawing matches with the scores level

(1993 positions in brackets)

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire; Southampton: Hampshire v Lancashire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Essex; Oundle School: Northamptonshire v Durham, Worksop CC: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan; Hove: Sussex v Worcestershire; Knowle & Dorridge: Warwickshire v Kent.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): Heaton: Cornwall v Cheshire; (first day of two): Netherfield: Cumberland v Buckinghamshire; Wolverhampton: Staffordshire v Norfolk.

OTHER SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE: Amateur International: Western Samoa v Barla Great Britain Lions (in Apia, 4.00am).

TENNIS: Volkswagen Cup (at Eastbourne); Manchester open men's championships (at Didsbury); Wimbledon qualifying tournament (at Roehampton).

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WHUTE

(c) To whistle, imitative, hence *whuting* whistling, and the noun *whute* a whistle: "Give me leave to set my fist to my mouth/ And to whute whutes three."

WORMLING

(a) A small worm, chiefly figuratively, a poor despicable creature, from *worm* + the common diminutive *-ling*, cf. Old Norse *ormlingr*: "But if there is a God, what of the wormling man, Who madly dares impeach His awful will?"

FEAK

(c) A dangling curl of hair, perhaps related to *feak* a verb meaning *to twitch*, perhaps a singular inferred from *feax*, *fax* hair: "If anything be lopped off their feaks or foretops."

GREENTH

(a) Verdure, from *green* + *-th*, cf. *gloomth*, one of Horace Walpole's coinages: Horace Walpole, *Letters to Montagu*, 1753: "I found my garden brown and bare, but these rains have recovered the greenth."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... fxg3! 2 Bxe3 gxh2 and the pawn will promote.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (60085)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (35109801)

9.05 Boswall's Wildlife Safari to Thailand. The night birds of Bangkok (r) (1825578)

9.35 Cooking with Kurma – Great Vegetarian Dishes (r) (8029820)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1690608) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (1389849) **10.30 Funnybones** (r) (s) (8330207)

10.35 Gardeners' World Live from the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (s) (1869337)

11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1074882) **11.05 The Infinite Voyage.** How exploration in Antarctica is providing a clue to global warming (1308801)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3027714) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (8514530) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (91611917)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (80248) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (24343240)

1.50 Royal Ascot. The 2.30, 3.05, 3.45 and, on BBC2, the 4.20 races (24319627)

4.00 Cartoon (9953288) **4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs** (r) (9942172) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel** (r) (s) (7418240) **4.35 The Addams Family** (r). (Ceefax) (6437462)

5.00 Newsround (2820795) **5.10 Activ8.** (Ceefax) (s) (8155337)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (421356)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (135)

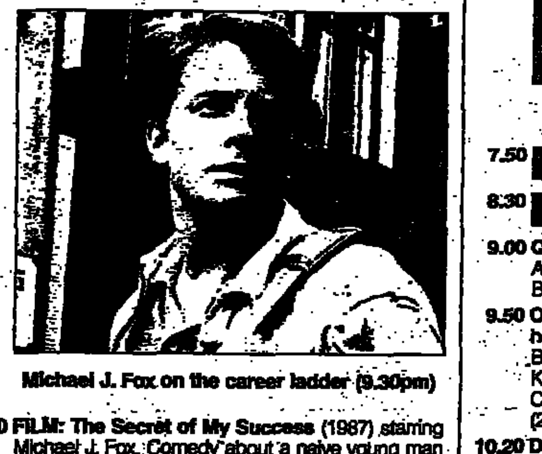
6.30 Regional news magazines (337)

7.00 Summer Holiday. Includes reports on camping in the South of France and a weekend break on Ireland's Dingle Peninsula. (Ceefax) (s) (3085)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (849)

8.00 Birds of a Feather. The 1993 Christmas special in which Sharon and Tracey, accompanied by Dorien, go to Hollywood (r). (Ceefax) (1337)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1608)



Michael J. Fox on the career ladder (9.30pm)

9.30 FILM: The Secret of My Success (1987) starring Michael J. Fox. Comedy about a naive young man from Kansas who arrives in New York determined to be a whizz-kid businessman. Directed by Herbert Ross. (Ceefax) (s) (456172). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Film: The Secret of My Success 11.50 Royal Ascot 12.10am-1.40 Film: Deadly Innocents

11.20 Royal Ascot. Highlights from the opening day of the meeting (s) (869882)

11.40 FILM: Deadly Innocents (1988) starring Mary Crosby, Andrew Stevens and Amanda Wyss. Drama about a schizophrenic woman who escapes from an institution and is taken in by a teenage girl who has just lost her repressive father. The combination becomes deadly to any man they meet. Directed by John D. Patterson (126269)

1.10am Weather (5286738). Ends at **1.15**

2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (12283) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (19196)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (85954172)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (4166341)

8.15 Chronicle: Tomb of the Lost King. A documentary about Manolis Andronicos's 40-year search for the lost city of Aegae, the capital of the kings of Macedon (r) (6445406)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Pingu (75468559) **1.25** Postman Pat (97277511)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (98424795) **2.15 See Hear!** (r). (Signed and subtitled) (s) (246801) **2.45 Treasures of the Trust.** Tours of Chartwell and Polesdon Lacey (6624266)

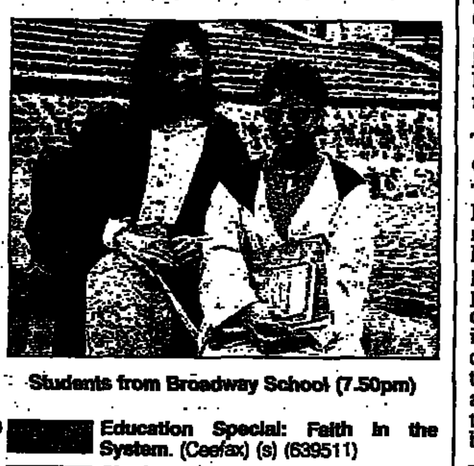
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Coverage of Prime Minister's questions. (Ceefax) (6301337) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (2062627)

4.00 Royal Ascot continued from BBC1. The Coventry Stakes (4.20) (s) (2726849)

4.35 Dilemmas. Jenni Murray examines a relationship in trouble (9559820)

5.05 Golf. How newcomer Lee Janzen won his first major title the 1993 US Open (s) (9689443)

6.00 FILM: The Long Duel (1967) starring Yul Brynner, Trevor Howard and Harry Andrews. Drama about a British officer sent to capture a rebel leader threatening the stability of the Raj on the North West Frontier. Directed by Ken Annakin (84155066)



Students from Broadway School (7.50pm)

7.50 [CHOICE] Education Special: Faith in the System. (Ceefax) (s) (639511)

8.30 [CHOICE] Rhodes around Britain: Wales. (Ceefax) (s) (9882)

9.00 Quantum Leap: Memphis Melody. Off-beat American science fiction drama series starring Scott Bakula. (Ceefax) (s) (252207)

9.50 One Foot in the Past. The series on Britain's heritage continues with a look at the plight of Nancy Buckle whose "House in the Rock" at Knaresborough is wanted by freeholders; and Alan Clark takes his vintage racing car round Brooklands (282801)

10.20 Disastermind. A lighthearted look at the pleasures and pains of being a *Mastermind* contestant (r). (Ceefax) (126066)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (304795)

11.15 Then and Now. Melvyn Bragg and guests look into the archives in search of an insight into current issues (838462)

11.55 Weather (637530)

12.00-12.30am Images. Holography at work (92863)

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CHOICE

An Evening with Gary Lineker
ITV, 8.30pm

This shrewd satire from Chris England and Arthur Smith is a funny-sad portrait of a married couple and their oddball friends as they watch the England v West Germany semi-final during the 1990 World Cup. Bill, gravely played by Clive Owen, is obsessed by the game, but his wife Monica (Caroline Quentin) is bored stiff, unable to understand how a grown man can spend his time filling in a World Cup wallchart with different coloured pens. Despite its origins as a West End play, the comedy is not too stagey and the fine supporting cast of Paul Merton as the nerdish Ian, Martin Clunes as a libidinous writer and Lizzy McInnerny as Ian's sexy German companion add interest to what is essentially a one-joke piece. Watch out for the divine intervention of Gary himself.

Education Special: Faith in the System
BBC2, 7.50pm

The Education Secretary, John Patten, is concerned that schools have become "value-free zones". This thought-provoking documentary shows instead that schools are assimilating the values of many different religions. Netherhall School in Maryport is dealing with a predominantly white, working-class intake, few of whom admit to strong religious beliefs. New RE teacher Nikki Cameron wants to continue the policy of explaining other people's religions so that children understand other people. In a remark sure to incense Christians, she confides: "I'm not sure that Jesus Christ is an important figure; I think God is." The same sort of multi-cultural approach exists at the largely Muslim Broadway School near Birmingham, but a local Islamic leader says the "mish-mash" method is resulting in moral confusion.

Travels à la Carte: Turkey
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The sane Sophie Grigson and her food anthropologist husband William Black are good company in this relaxing, mouth-watering series. Tonight sees them in Istanbul where they surrender to sticky baklava pastries, fresh fish kebabs and the "snacker's paradise" of the street markets. While Black wolfs down grilled intestines (only afterwards asking: "What is the animal it's from?"), Grigson suffers the indignity of having filo pastry pressed to her chest to show its transparency. The patient presenters are rewarded by a superb meal of aubergines and chicken cooked by the wife of a former Mayor of Istanbul. "I am so happy because you like it", she says with tears in her eyes.



Rhodes and Peters swap recipes (BBC2, 8.30pm)

Rhodes Around Britain: Wales
BBC2, 8.30pm

In a very different cookery programme, chef Gary Rhodes travels to Wales where he lives up to his trendy haircut by finding a rock singer in Snowdonia. The excuse for chatting to Mike Peters, formerly of The Alarm, is that, according to Rhodes, music and cooking are similar: "I'm looking for the different textures, the different tastes, the balance, the depth behind it. That's exactly how your music comes across." More to the point, Rhodes learns about Welsh bread, marsh-grazed sheep and Welsh cheeses, and visits Swansea market where he admires fresh seafood during the Cockle Festival. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (4648288)

9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show (s) (3428630) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (s) (1365269)

10.00 Step by Step. American domestic comedy starring Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers (s) (66356)

10.30 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (83437191) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3023998)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9175424)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9183443) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian drama. (Teletext) (77295882)

1.55 Swank. Fashion magazine presented by Margi Clarke with David Emmanuel and Paula Hamilton. The guest is Patrick Lichfield (s) (44396337) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (30488578) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama (6939917)

3.20 ITN News headlines (3440707) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4890248)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (2863375) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2060269) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (2059153) **4.00 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (7423172) **4.15 Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (s) (6505066) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (s) (9552917)

5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (7265694)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (762240)

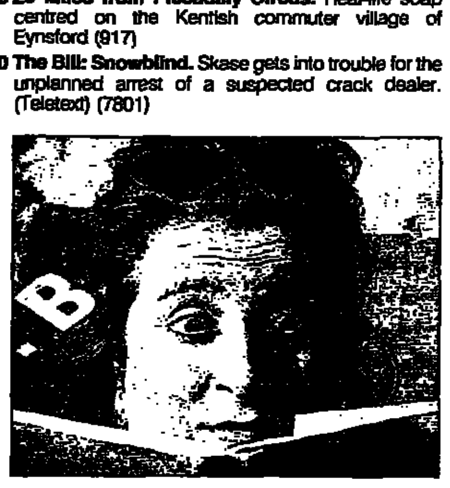
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (785207)

6.25 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (175337)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (8153)

7.30 20 Miles from Piccadilly Circus. Real-life soap centred on the Kentish commuter village of Eynsford (917)

8.00 The Bill: Snowblind. Skase gets into trouble for the unplanned arrest of a suspected crack dealer. (Teletext) (7801)



Football widow Caroline Quentin (8.30pm)

8.30 [CHOICE] An Evening with Gary Lineker. (Teletext) (44004)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (43356) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (887153)

10.40 FILM: Hell Hath No Fury (1990) starring Barbara Eden, Loretta Swit and David Ackroyd. Thriller about a wife who is framed for the murder of her husband by the man's deranged former lover. Directed by Thomas J. Wright (s) (29120789)

12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H (51757)

1.30 The Beat. Music and movie magazine (s) (13399)

2.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94. Highlights from Detroit, the sixth round of the World Series (90134)

3.00 The Twilight Zone: If She Dies. A tale of the supernatural starring Tony Lo Bianco (34486)

3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (81486)

4.00 The Little Picture Show. Film and video reviews (r) (37467)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (14134)

5.30 ITN Morning News (97318). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Super Dave (r) (4004191)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (83511)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (53733)

9.30 Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (8020559)

9.55 Travelog. A report from the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan (r). (Teletext) (8038578)

10.25 Class By Class: The Printer's Tale. Ray Gosling examines the Gowin's family movements in the class system (r) (1376375)

10.55 Childhood. A look at the emotional and physical transformations that characterise puberty and adolescence (r) (s) (1560917)

11.55 For Your Pleasure. An animated ecological warning (8548530)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine (40269)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (40630) **1.30 Widget** (r) (82733)

2.00 FILM: Lucky Day (1991) starring Chloe Webb, Amy Madigan and Olympia Dukakis. A made-for-television drama about a disabled young woman whose $2 million win in a California lottery makes her the subject of a hotly contested custody battle between her sister and her recovering alcoholic mother. Directed by Donald Wrye (394462)

3.40 Bundle of Joy. Plasticine animation. Followed by **Award For Mr Rossi.** Cartoon (2841153)

3.55 Crawshaw Paints Oils. Alwyn Crawshaw paints a shire horse (r) (9661849)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (530)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are couples who talk about how their marriage has gone down since the honeymoon. (Teletext) (s) (9691288)

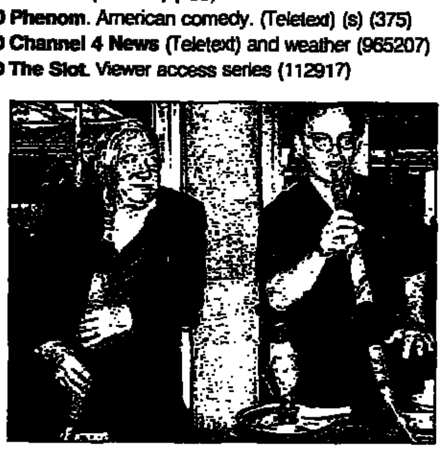
5.50 Deputy Dawg. Cartoon (412849)

6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (795)

6.30 Phenom. American comedy. (Teletext) (s) (375)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (965207)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (112917)



William Black, right, in Istanbul (8.00pm)

8.00 [CHOICE] Travels à la Carte: Turkey. (Teletext) (5443)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4578)

9.00 First Sex. Feminism in the 1990s. (Teletext) (s) (7511)

10.00 Little Napoleons. The second of a four-part comedy series starring Saeed Jaffrey and Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (6399849)

11.05 Go Fishing. In Morocco, John Wilson tries for black bass in a dam in the foothills of the Atlas mountains. On the Atlantic coast his prey is bass, guitar fish and sting ray (269733)

11.35 FILM: Fearless Vampire Killers, Or Pardon Me, Your Teeth Are In My Neck (1967) starring Jack MacGowran, Alfie Bass and Sharon Tate. Horror movie spoof directed by Roman Polanski (917269)

1.35am FILM: Union Depot (1932, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr. Comedy thriller about a tramp who finds a suit at a railway station and helps a chorus girl to bring counterfeiters to justice. Directed by Alfred E. Green (8705844). Ends at **2.45**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes. (FM only until **6.00am**) **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier, including at **3.45** Beeman **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Mr Finchley Goes to Paris **7.30-9.30** Radio 2 Awards Night, hosted by Terry Wogan. Including **7.30** Ironic Maidens; **8.00** By Hart; **9.00** Salutations **9.30** Summer: Angela Rippon presents a picture of the season in words and music **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Europe News, **11.15** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five, with Prime Minister's Question Time at **3.15**. Including racing from Royal Ascot at **2.30** and **3.05**, and at **3.45**, the St James's Palace Stakes **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, including at **4.20** and **4.55** race commentary from Royal Ascot **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Inside Edge **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.00** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin, including Tips für Touristen **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Notes from Brazil **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: North and South **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Personal Obsessions **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Marriage and the Throne **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: North and South **3.45** Crossing the Border **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.15** Concert Hall **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Playing a Part **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Barry Took **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Poulenc (Piano Concerto: François-René Duchable) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Mussorgsky (Pictures at an Exhibition), Granados (Three Pieces from Goyescas); Shostakovich (Suite on Verses of Michelangelo) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** NJ Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Anglia News and Weather (1365269) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (3023998) **1.55** A Country Practice (24348795) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6939917) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (4890248) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7265694) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (175337) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (917) **10.30** Anglia News (887153) **10.40** Terminal Entry (46920581) **12.35am** Hot Shot (225115) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (4259912) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (1187592) **4.15** Jobfinder (8512080) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (14134)

CENTRAL
As London except: **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (3023998) **1.55** A Country Practice (24348795) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6939917) **3.25-3.30** Central News (4890248) **5.10** Just Kidding! (7451462) **5.15-5.40** Shortland Street (8172004) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (175337) **7.30-8.00** Millionaires (917) **10.30** Central News and Weather (887153) **10.40** Married with Children (185191) **11.10** The Lady From Yesterday (675848) **12.50am** The Powers That Be (4531283) **1.25** The Beat (4550316) **2.25** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6497860) **2.55** The Little Picture Show (1596467) **3.50** America's Top Ten (65354318) **4.15** Asian Eye (93098592) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (59950)

HTV WEST
As London except: **2.25** Da Medici Kitchen (30482530) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (3722085) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7265694) **5.55** Home and Away (410240) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (175337) **7.30-8.00** No Excuses! (917) **10.40** Girls' Night Out (185191) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (206714) **12.05am** Around the World in 74 Days (4908405) **12.35** Hot Shot (225115) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (4259912) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (1187592) **4.15** Jobfinder (8512080) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (14134)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (175337) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (917)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (24348795) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6939917) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4890248) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7265694) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (153) **6.30-7.00** Treasure Trail (733) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (917) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (887153) **10.40** Ambulance! (185191) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (206714) **12.05am-1.30** The Asphyx (7369979) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (14134)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Tyne Tees News and Weather (1365269) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather / Birdsdale: Network North (3032648) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (3031917) **1.55** A Country Practice (24348795) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4890248) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7265694) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (115820) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (733) **7.30-8.00** Married with Children (917) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News and Weather (887153) **12.35am** Kojak (5546860) **1.30** The Little Picture Show (13399) **2.30** Sport AM (59888) **3.30** Live on Stage (7758028) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1756028)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (44396337) **2.25-2.55** Swank (30482530) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (4890248) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7265694) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (60511) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (917) **10.30** Westcountry News (887153) **10.40** World Cup Heroes and Villains (794259) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (280801) **12.35am** Hot Shot (225115) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (4259912) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (1187592) **4.15** Jobfinder (8512080) **5.00-5.30** About Britain (14134)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (1365269) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather (3023998) **1.55** A Country Practice (24348795) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7265694) **5.55** Calendar (115820) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (733) **7.30-8.00** Married with Children (917) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (887153) **12.35am** Kojak (5546860) **1.30** The Little Picture Show (13399) **2.30** Sport AM (59888) **3.30** Live on Stage (7758028) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1756028)

S4C
Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (83511) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (53733) **9.30** Evening Shade (89646) **10.00** Travelog (64898) **10.30** Class By Class: The Printer's Tale (59917) **11.00** Childhood (82882) **12.00pm** House To House (40269) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (83462) **1.00** Travels A La Carte: France (93998) **1.30** Over The Garden Wall: The Uplands (82733) **2.00** Mandy (394462) **3.40** Profiles Of Nature: The Hooded Seal (7024627) **4.10** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5865530) **5.00** Happy Days (6559) **5.30** Fifteen To One (882) **6.00** Newyddion (870849) **6.20** Heno (198288) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6795) **7.30** " Nam" (559) **8.00** Stel (5443) **8.30** Newyddion/news (4578) **9.00** Rasus (7511) **10.00** Brookside (41998) **10.30** Little Napoleons (3167004) **11.35** Little Murders (917269)

RADIO 3

6.30 Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe: The Faust Legend **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Ponchielli (Il Convegno, Divertimento for two clarinets); **7.20** William Lawes (Fantasia-Suite No 2 in G); Bach (O Jesu Christ, meine Lebens Licht, BWV 118b); **8.05** Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes, Op 34); Rimsky-Korsakov (Prince Ivan's Aria, Kashchei the Immortal); **8.30** Hovhaness (Symphony No 22, City of Light)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Orlande de Lassus
10.05 Musical Encounters: Orff (Die Sänger der Vorwelt); **10.15** *Artist of the Week:* Nikolai Demidenko, piano, plays Medtner (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); **11.00** Bush (Symphony No 2, Guildford); Chopin (Scherzo No 3 in C sharp minor); **11.35** John Adams (The Wound Dresser)
12.00 Music Restored (r)
1.00pm Ulster Orchestra (r)
2.00 Schools: First Steps in Drama; **2.15** Letterbox; **2.25** Time to Move; **2.45** Le Club
3.00 Schumann and Burrell: Lowri Blake, cello, and Caroline Palmer, piano, play Schumann, arr Gendron (Three Romances, Op 94); Burrell (Heron); Busoni (Serenata; Kulta Selle, Variations on a Finnish Theme)
3.45 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Enrique Barrios performs Lutoslawski (Fanfare for Lancaster University); Beethoven (Overture, Leonora No 3); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1: Leonidas Kavakos); Mozart (Adagio in E, K261); Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird — 1919 version)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune: including Schubert (Die schöne Mullerin — excerpts); **6.03** Dvořák (Carnival Overture); **7.02** Sandy Wilson, arr Maxwell Davies (Suite, The Boyfriend)
7.30 Playing Away: See Choice
9.30 Where Are They Now? Kenneth Shenton reflects on the languishing reputation of Thomas Attwood, Mozart's favourite pupil and an organist at St Paul's
9.50 Vanbrugh String Quartet, with Nicholas Daniel, oboe, performs Moeran (String Quartet in E flat); Britten (Six Metamorphoses after Ovid); Bax (Oboe Quintet)
10.45 Night Waves. Christopher Cook discusses R.B. Kitaj's exhibition at the Tate Gallery
11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn, with Rebecca Evans, soprano, performs Schubert (Overture in D, D556); Mozart (Vado, ma dove? K583; Voi avete un cor fedele, K217); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D, Clock)
1.00-2.25 Night School (as 2-3pm); **2.00** Word Games; **2.10** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with the Rt Rev James Simpson **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Fluff, by Mary Flanagan. Read by Maggie Steed (r) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross
10.00-10.30 Richard and the Chocolate Factory (FM only): Comedian Richard Herring visits Cadbury's factory in Bournville
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): Poetry on love (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Novelist Alison Lurie discusses her tales of women and ghosts
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts visits the new gallery on science and health at the Science Museum in London
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Board Game, chaired by Nigel Cassidy (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Random Play. See Choice
2.30 The Tingle Factor: Singer Teresa Cahill talks to Jeremy Nicholas about the moments in music that send a shiver down her spine
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper reviews *The Rifles* by William Vollmann
4.45 Short Story: Wanderjahr, by Tom Bryan. Read by Angus Macinnes
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The False Inspector Dew, by Peter Lovesey. Third of a five-part dramatisation by Geoffrey M. Matthews. Walter and Alma are poised to murder Walter's wife on board a cruise liner bound for America. With Ronald Pickup, Fiona Fullerton, Oona Beeson and Gary Waldhorn (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Gerry Northam reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Poles Apart: The story of the friendship forged between Bill Wheeler, a life-long socialist, and Sir Anthony Nutting, a former Tory Cabinet minister
9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap. Presented by Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Piggy in the Middle. The second part of Paula McKay's novel
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30-12.00 Itchy Feet (FM only): Rory Maclean explores the journey behind the travel (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Thirty Minute Theatre: Random Play. *Radio 4, 2.00pm*
It all gets a bit stressful for Mary when she starts hearing voices behind the tracks of a new CD player given to her by her son. Painful reminders of her past come flooding back, recalling a lost love, as she discovers that she can answer the voices no one else can hear. Son John clearly thinks she is mad and the whole thing should be resolved when the machine goes back to the shop. But is it? The familiar voice of Mary Wimbush as Mary plus the singing of Carly Simon, Kate Bush and Phil Collins can be heard in Anthony George's spooky play.

Playing Away. *Radio 3, 7.30pm*
After last week's evening of football programmes, that television celebration of the national game is followed by soccer set to music, in the new Benedict Mason opera to a libretto by the playwright Howard Brenton. To experience the whole thing properly you should catch Opera North touring it in one of various English theatres. But here are words and music in the setting of the European Cup Final, with star player Terry Bond (Phillip Sheffield) trying to meet a Faustian deadline in David Pountney's production. **Kenneth Gosling**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (23182578) **9.10** Cartoons (1268998) **9.30** Card Sharks (9157066) **9.55** Concentration (9165085) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9172085) **10.30** The Urban Peasant (84627) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (31172) **12.00** Paradise Beach (25397) **12.30pm** E Street (18172) **1.00** Falcon Crest (13627) **2.00** If Tomorrow Comes (14917) **3.00** Another World (5249240) **3.50** DJ Kat (7440714) **4.20** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2972269) **5.00** Star Trek (6714) **6.00** Paradise Beach (2627) **6.30** E Street (6207) **7.00** Blockbusters (7443) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5191) **8.00** East of Eden mini-series (45240) **10.00** Alien Nation (64375) **11.00** David Letterman (199085) **11.45** Something is Out There (495789) **12.45-1.45am** Hill Street Blues (214467)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (39375) **9.30** ABC Nightline (12998) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (87153) **11.30** Japan Business Today (25066) **1.30pm** CBS News (12288) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (36511) **3.30** Nightline (30172) **4.30** News and Business (2004) **7.30** Target (64882) **9.30** Talkback (74085) **11.30** CBS News (53174) **12.30am** ABC News (97573) **1.30** Target (46641) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (96329) **3.30** Talkback (46824) **4.30** Target (98592) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (20660)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1458559)
10.00 To Grandmother's House We Go (1992): Comedy adventure (17528462)
11.55 The Last of Sheila (1973): Murder mystery with James Mason (33860608)
2.05pm The Wizard of Speed and Time (1988). A young special-effects artist tries to make it big in Hollywood (575375)
4.00 The Bliss of Mrs Blossom (1968) MacLaine hides her lover in the attic. With Richard Attenborough (1646)
6.00 To Grandmother's House We Go (as 10am) (68191)
8.00 Rio Shannon (1992). A widow (Blair Brown) and her three children move to a haunted ranch in Santa Fe (47608)
10.00 American Ninja 5 (1992): A precocious teenager spends the weekend with a martial arts instructor (611288)
11.45 Boyz N the Hood (1991): The story of three friends growing up in south central Los Angeles. Starring Larry Fishburne (823356)
1.40am Naked Lunch (1992). Peter Weller stars in a bizarre drug fantasy (109979)
3.30 A Mother's Justice (1992): A mother hunts down the man who raped her daughter (857689). Ends at **5.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945, b/w): Film adaptation of Oscar Wilde's classic. With George Sanders (37269)
8.00 Force 10 from Navarone (1978). Allied soldiers plot to destroy a Nazi-held bridge. Starring Robert Shaw (51092882)
10.05 The Odd Couple (1968): Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau play the mismatched flatmates in Neil Simon's comedy (501337). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Haunters of the Deep (1984). A girl investigates a haunted mine (8355743)
7.05 Electric Eskimo (1979): Children's Film Foundation feature (8732608)
8.10 The Magic Riddle (1991): An orphan runs into fairy-tale characters (41297882)
10.00 Nightmare (1956, b/w): A musician dreams of murder (10530)
12.00 A Night in Havana (1957): Errol Flynn plays a croupier in a Cuban casino (19462)
2.00pm The Cracksman (1963). A locksmith enters a life of crime (53269)
4.00 The Magic Riddle (as 8.10am) (9288)
6.00 Lifeline to Victory (1993): A sea captain proves himself in wartime (66733)
8.00 Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (1991) Gabrielle Anwar auditions for Cliff Robertson's stunt show in 1930s America (78578)
10.00 Body Language (1992): Executive Heather Locklear hires a secretary (228627)
11.35 Crisscross (1991). Poverty forces a single mother to become a stripper (445627)
1.15am The Sterile Cuckoo (1969) Drama about a young woman's sexual awakening. Starring Liza Minnelli (199467)
3.05 Girlfriend from Hell (1990) Low-budget horror comedy with Dana Ashbrook (20672115). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am WWF Mania (22646) **8.00** NBA Basketball (81627) **8.30** Windsurfing (80998) **9.00** They Must Be Mad (62838) **9.30** Aerobics (23191) **10.00** NCAA Athletics (60608) **11.00** Tennis Edgbaston Final (73172) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (84714) **12.30pm** Windsurfing (34207) **1.00** Manchester Open Tennis (6740578) **5.00** NBA Basketball (8337) **5.30** World Cup (9172) **6.00** WWF Superstars (19998) **7.00** Football Special (92172) **8.00** World Motorcycle Championships (93220) **9.00** The Big Fish (64801) **9.30** Golf Tips (14443) **10.00** Football Favourites (91443) **11.00** World Cup (76646) **11.30** NCAA Athletics (47004) **12.30-1.30am** Watersports (85370)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (82820) **8.00** Aerobics (18443) **9.00** Rhythmic Gymnastics (13849) **10.00** Golf: Ladies Open (86004) **11.00** Speedworld (85627) **1.00pm** ATP Tennis (6703530) **4.30** Football: Canada v Holland, highlights (97462) **6.30** News (5733) **7.00** Swimming (87240) **8.00** Athletics (93248) **9.00** Boxing: Johnny Tapia v Arturo Estrada (83424) **10.00** Snooker European League (80849) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (50825)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1609462) **7.30** Neighbours (1695269) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3708356) **8.30** EastEnders (3707627) **9.00** The Bill (3721207) **9.30** Hannay (1299998) **10.30** Aphrodite Inheritance (8325998) **11.30** The Sullivans (4590153) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3701443) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2985795) **1.00** EastEnders (1608733) **1.30** The Bill (2984066) **2.00** Shelley (4830801) **2.30** The Mistress (3565202) **3.00** Knots Landing (4501269) **4.00** Dynasty (4513004) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7238882) **5.40** Goodies (1414646) **5.55** Sykes (6418066) **6.30** EastEnders (8410153) **7.00** The Mistress (4841917) **7.30** George and Mildred (2010117) **8.00** Rosie (4827337) **8.30** Shelley (4839172) **9.00** Callan (1879578) **10.00** The Bill (3702172) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (2127743) **11.10** Alas Smith and Jones (7248882) **11.50** Dr Who (6141801) **12.20am** FILM. Maisie Goes to Reno (1944, b/w) A showgirl (Ann Sothern) becomes embroiled in blackmail (56460931) **1.55-3.00** Video Bites (18210028)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Teddy Ruxpin (2361801) **6.25** Ric (3381375) **6.30** Babar (31795) **7.00** Pingu (3219563) **7.10** Paddy (9819707) **7.25** Bobby's World (2372612) **7.50** Garfield (2139153) **8.20** Prince Valiant (4953849) **8.50** Tifou (4507849) **9.00** Drobee (22511) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (60795) **11.00** RatKan II (7260578) **11.25** Ric (2934882) **11.30** Babar (94066) **12.00** Pingu (9172608) **12.10pm** Paddy (9185172) **12.25** Bobby (7472191) **12.50** Garfield (5063714) **1.20** Prince Valiant (63833917) **1.50** Tifou (74798882) **2.00** Barney (9085) **2.30** Blinky Bill (7356) **3.00** RatKan II (1820) **3.30** Casper (2801) **4.00** Beakman (8608) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (2220)

NICKELODEON
7.00am The Chipmunks **7.15** Batfink/George (5613917) **7.30** Rocko (5813998) **7.45** Rugrats (192040) **8.15** Killer Tomatoes (175849) **8.45** Batfink/George (8962820) **9.00** Banana Sandwich (95820) **9.30** Katie and Orbie (5090240) **9.45** Mother Goose (5095795) **10.00** Poddles (3171172) **10.15** Denver (155085) **10.45** Dig and Dug (9388559) **11.00** David the Gnome (82207) **11.30** Bananas (50608) **12.00** Playhouse (82356) **12.30pm** Denver (32849) **1.00** The Chipmunks (75530) **1.30** Bananas (24820) **2.00** The Muppets (5627) **2.30** Smoggies (3998) **3.00** Hero Turtles (7462) **3.30** Galaxy High School (8443) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (7578) **4.30** Rugrats (6462) **5.00** Clarissa (9207) **5.30** Dracula (7714) **6.00** The Muppets (4627) **6.30-7.00** Playhouse (8207)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (1660676) **4.30** Held in Trust (9765040) **5.00** Compass (4831530) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2991356) **7.00** Life in the Wild (4649559) **7.30** Bush Tucker Man (4810199) **8.00** The Secret Life of Machines (4658207) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers (4837714) **9.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (1860820) **10.00** Zulu Legend (1870207) **11.00** World of Adventures (4512375) **11.30-12.00** Sanctuaries (9581248)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Gigi (1958) Musical with Leslie Caron (5781066) **2.00pm** FILM: Good Time Girl (1948, b/w) A girl escapes from a remand home (6869801) **3.45** Art Linkletter (49866820) **4.00** The Mothers-in-Law (1565022) **4.30** Bonanza (3075608) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (7165266) **6.00** Time Tunnel (2988882) **7.00** Partridge Family (1868462) **8.00** Avengers (1844882) **9.00** FILM: The Hills Have Eyes II (1984): Mutants attack teenagers (18095086) **10.45** Art Linkletter (7274849) **11.00** Mary Hartman (4509801) **11.30-12.00** Donny and Marie (9486694)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony (5272375) **7.00** Living (6962646) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (2420849) **8.55** Mediterranean Cookery (8983998) **9.25** Mr Motivator (3275658) **9.30** Now You See It (2220337) **10.00** Trivia Trap (3844207) **10.30** Crosswits (3782248) **11.00** Musiquest (9330040) **11.30** Young and Restless (8465040) **12.30pm** Living (34461085) **12.45** Kilroy (7062191) **1.30** Your Child (2223424) **2.00** Agony (2202443) **2.45** Meet Your Mate (6701288) **3.00** Living (5975608) **3.45** Gladrags (45316795) **4.00** Infatuation (4588240) **4.30** Definition (4584424) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6365559) **5.30** Amore (4508004) **6.00** Stars and Signs (7787998) **6.15** Living (7775153) **6.30** Delia Smith (4596269) **7.00** Love and Lust (2905849) **8.00** Young and the Restless (2981269) **9.00** FILM. Memphis (1991) A boy befriends his kidnapper (50093733) **10.45** Gladrags (3905207) **11.00** Infatuation (6485379) **11.30-12.00** That's Amore (3833191)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Wonder Years (3527) **5.30** Black Stallion (1172) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (8065) **6.30** Catchphrase (8337) **7.00** All Clued Up (3801) **7.30** Pyramid Game (8849) **8.00** Explorer (34172) **9.00** Cats Eyes (21608) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (27443) **10.30** Tales of the Unexpected (36191) **11.00** Lou Grant (61424) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (23844)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (549318) **8.00** VJ Ingo (550135) **11.00** Soul (82917) **12.00** Greatest Hits (57172) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (865578) **3.30** The Report (4301627) **3.45** At the Movies (4399882) **4.00** News (2631511) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2654482) **4.30** Dial MTV (9578) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (41795) **6.30** Sports (1795) **7.00** Greatest Hits (27882) **8.00** Most Wanted (45199) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (58801) **10.00** The Report (879646) **10.15** At the Movies (867801) **10.30** News (601795) **10.45** 3 from 1 (639578) **11.00** Rock Block (73443) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (32202) **2.00** Videos (3993283)

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6.00am Persian Dawn (11917) **7.00** Asian Morning (59714) **8.00** Hindi News (10153) **8.30** Urdu News (4376559) **8.45** English News (4364714) **9.00** Phanda (26337) **10.00** Gujarati FILM (790085) **1.00pm** Serial (71801) **1.30** Hindi FILM Karm Data (624578) **4.30** Kiddie Time (4646) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6998) **7.00** Serial (9443) **7.30** Bollywood Plus (7191) **8.00** News (258443) **8.15** Hindi FILM (39205153) **11.15** Serial (489085) **12.05am** Five Past (9595028) **1.35** Sight and Sound (9633491)

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9.10 Manhattan Melodrama (1934, b/w) Two childhood pals find their friendship endangered in adult life (26468801)
10.55 East of the River (1940, b/w) The law comes between boyhood friends (94232269)
12.20am Northwest Rangers (1943, b/w) Two friends grow up to become a Mountie and a gambler (62848833)
1.40 The Great O'Malley (1937, b/w) Policemen help to support the sick daughter of a small-time criminal (38496955)
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Global game reaches land of opportunity

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN CHICAGO

THE culture shock is under way. Arriving in the United States for the World Cup, 500 years after Christopher Columbus, as João Havelange, the Fifa president, said, I was making no progress attempting to hold a conversation with an American 30,000 feet above Chicago.

The man had not heard mayor Richard M. Daley claim that hosting the opening of the World Cup, with the champions, Germany, playing Bolivia in the city on Friday, was both a privilege and a business deal that would generate $200 million for the city. In fact, the American in the next seat had never even heard of Pelé.

Noting that he had been reading Arthur C. Clarke's *The Meaning Of God*, I decided each to his own. For Pelé, arguably the world's best known sporting figure, is *persona grata* with Fifa, football's world governing body, again after Havelange dismissed him from the draw in Las Vegas in December, and his presence is being promoted throughout the United States by Mastercard and other companies, and his agent claims that he will reap a minimum of $10 million over the next month.

But if Pelé means nothing to a Chicagoan, it is no surprise that Jurgen Klinsmann could breeze through the airport of the Windy City yesterday morning, scarcely turning a head. Klinsmann it was who coined the perfect soundbite for this tournament, "soccer with that nice popcorn taste".

Statistics reveal that two out of every three Americans are still unaware that the tournament is coming their way, so the man on the aeroplane is not alone. The taxi-driver, almost inevitably, said: "I shan't watch — although I am looking forward to seeing some of the fights. There's some pretty violent types follow your game."

Never mind. President Clinton says, in his letter in the commemorative programme: "Hillary joins me in wishing good luck to all the 24 teams in this, the world's largest sporting event ever." Now the man is talking. The theme of this World Cup, to be paraded in the streets and by a colourful flotilla on Lake Michigan on Wednesday morning, is "United States welcomes the world, and the World Cup unites the world".

The reason all of us are here is money. Chicago recognised that when it pitched to be the host to the opening game, and offered Soldier Field, the evocative stadium of the Chicago Bears, to stage it. Besides, with Coca-Cola, Gillette, Budweiser and the other American companies which helped Fifa's world go round ready to bring the tournament to their nation, it was not a contest when only Brazil (bankrupt) and Morocco (which does not have the infrastructure), were rival bidders six years ago.

So here we stand, in a country which promotes the World Cup in nine venues so far apart in distance and, in some cases, climate and culture, that in essence there are nine mini-tournaments during the first round. The rules have been changed to protect goalscorers by, for example, punishing the tackle from behind, to offer the Americans the thrill without which they have famously regarded football as "like kissing your sister".

Football will not convert this country over the next month. It will not impress Americans with statistics such as the Italians playing for £250,000 a man in bonuses. How could it when one basketball giant, Michael Jordan, earned $30 million (about £20 million) in his last season?

But maybe the United States is readier than the critics say. A week ago in New Jersey, 73,511 spectators watched Colombia beat Greece in a warm-up match. The same weekend, 91,123 Americans (or were they mostly Mexicans?) paid to watch the United States beat Mexico in the Pasadena Rose Bowl. But how can the game sell itself in such a climate? The tempo of the play will necessarily be slow, not merely because teams have cautiously chosen as many as 85 players in the "thirtysomething" bracket, but also because the high humidity, especially in the south, where Ireland carry the main initial interest, legislates against athleticism.

And yet those who have seen World Cups through the decades know better than to panic. There is joy even at the most boring of tournaments. Joy in Italy was provided by the innocence and the flair that came out of Africa with Cameroon. The trick is to be there, to look into the melting pot, to find the ingredients at this World Cup that will elevate it.

These start with the hope, the belief, that World Cups cross racial and cultural barriers. For at the last tournament, in Italy, the national flags of 14 different peoples could be counted in one sector of the stadium at the opening game, where Cameroon defeated the then champions, Argentina.

Could it happen here on Friday? The Bolivians are resting in Boston, the Germans arrived hours after an almighty storm had poured torrential water on the virgin Soldier Field turf. That very turf, installed less than a month ago and yet to be tested by footballers, proves that there is a linguistic divide between all of here. In an official statemen local organisers declared: "Sc Field has been sodded." It wi sod's law if Germany and Bo fail to give the tournament necessary launch this week.

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Worcestershire beaten off last ball

Gooch inspires Essex with double-century

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (final day of four): Essex (22pts) beat Worcestershire (8) by four wickets

A WEEK ago, Brian Lara scored 501 and cricket communally gasped at the wondrous scope of it. Yesterday, Graham Gooch scored a mere 205 but it was an innings worthy of equal acclaim. Unlike Lara, Gooch batted all day against the clock and on an untrustworthy pitch. Unlike Lara, he won a match, an astonishing match, sweeping Essex to the head of the championship table against mountainous odds.

Only ten times in championship history had a team successfully pursued more than 400. Essex were asked to make 405 at almost four runs an over, 390 of them on this last day, and without Prichard, whose thumb is broken. They made it, breathtakingly, from the last ball, Nadeem Shahid scrambling a single to mid-off before hurling his bat high in the air in justifiable exultation.

A blissfully blue day at New Road produced a plethora of statistics. Gooch made his third consecutive hundred and his fifth hundred of the season, three of which he has turned into double-hundreds: he also went past 1,000 runs in only his tenth innings and became the sixth man in the game's history to make a century in each innings of a game on five separate occasions.

But if Essex were to win he needed a partner and he found one in Ronnie Irani. In four years with Lancashire, Irani played nine games with a top score of 43. Essex identified his talent, as they have done so often and so shrewdly elsewhere, and yesterday Irani scored his maiden first-class century during a decisive fourth-wicket stand of 245.

Worcestershire could scarcely believe they had lost. And yet they should not have been surprised, for this is just the type of rabbit-from-the-hat victory that Essex have been producing since they started winning championships in 1979. Their resources are thinner now, and the title ought logically to be beyond them, but the winning habit compensates for a good deal.

It is not something that Worcestershire have developed this season — indeed, they have not yet won a first-class match — and as yesterday's contest began to slip beyond them, much of their cricket breached the spirit, if not the law, of the game.

Richard Illingworth bowled a spell in that style of his which needs outlawing — deliberately and consistently bowling wide outside leg-stump is a mockery of all that the game represents — and Stuart Lampitt, easily Worcestershire's best bowler, indulged disappointingly in unhittable bouncers. Irani also complained about the distracting chatter of the wicketkeeper, Steve Rhodes, all matters for which Tim Curtis, the captain, must bear some responsibility.

By the end of it, only the myopic could deny the merit of Essex's win and none, surely, could resist marvelling at Gooch. On the first day of this match he had feared the scores would be low; on the second he feared Worcestershire had made too many. But his pessimism has never translated into defeatism. He marched out to make 101, with the pitch at its most malicious, and then set himself on yesterday's improbable mission.

The first ball of the day scuttled ominously along the deck and there was hardly an over in which the bounce remained even. At 133 for three, with Stephenson, Lewis and Hussain all gone, Essex looked doomed, but Gooch's defiant response was to pull Lampitt into the sponsors' marquee for six. It was that sort of innings, bristling with purpose.

Stephenson and Hussain had both been caught at shortleg off balls which bounced more than they anticipated, while Lewis made the mistake of allowing for the ball to turn against Illingworth. When it went straight on, he was unarguably leg-before.

By tea, however, Irani was entrenched and the requirement down to 202 in 39 overs. Essex needed 115 from the final 20 overs and, while Gooch was there to set the pace and calm the nerves, it was almost routine. But after 396 minutes he was taken at short extra cover, Irani fell to a weary slog two overs later and Worcestershire suddenly had a bolthole. Shahid cut them off just in time, securing one of the most remarkable wins of this or any other season.

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WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 381 (S J Rhodes 76 not out, G A Hick 65, G R Haynes 55, T M Moody 51; R C Irani 4 for 91).

Second Innings 285 for 3 dec (Moody 108 not out, Hick 101).

ESSEX: First Innings 262 (G A Gooch 101, R C Irani 50 not out; S R Lampitt 5 for 75)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Leatherdale b Newport	205
J P Stephenson c Haynes b Lampitt	26
J J B Lewis lbw b Illingworth	14
N Hussain c Haynes b Lampitt	0
R C Irani lbw b Newport	119
†M A Garnham c Leatherdale b Newport	5
N Shahid not out	13
M S Kasprowicz not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 10)	19
Total (6 wkts)	405

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-132, 3-133, 4-378, 5-385, 6-390.

BOWLING: Brinkley 17-2-64-0; Newport 22-4-96-3; Moody 6-1-23-0; Lampitt 23-1-84-2; Illingworth 25-8-66-1; Hick 5-2-21-0; Haynes 9-0-42-0.

Umpires: R Julian and P B Wight.



IAN STE

Tracy Austin grimaces as she stretches to play one of her familiar double-fisted backhand returns in the Volkswagen Cup at Eastbourne yesterday. Austin, on her first appearance at Devonshire Park for 11 years, was beaten 6-3, 6-4 by Kristine Radford. Results, page 44

Mansell's return uncertain

CAMERAMEN and journalists staked out the Williams Formula One team's factory at Didcot yesterday hoping to see Nigel Mansell sweeping through the gates on his way to confirming his return to the grand prix fold (Oliver Holt writes).

Mansell, however, did not appear and last night the deal to secure him for the French Grand Prix in three weeks' time seemed in danger of drowning in a mire of legal and financial haggling.

Mansell flew back to England in his private jet on Sunday night after he crashed out of an IndyCar race in Detroit and may have met Frank Williams, the team owner, and officials from Renault, the team's engine suppliers and the driving force behind the attempt to lure Mansell back, at another location.

However, plans for a seat fitting at Didcot today and a preliminary test at the Pembrey track in South Wales on Thursday appear to have been temporarily shelved.

That, in itself, would cast doubt on the viability of any comeback for the French Grand Prix because Mansell has to compete in an IndyCar race in Portland, Oregon, for his Newman-Haas team in a fortnight and after this week his opportunities to test the Williams car will be limited.

☐ Karl Wendlinger, badly injured in the run-up to the Monte Carlo Grand Prix last month, took his first steps yesterday, according to the Innsbruck university doctor, Erich Schmutzhard.

The neurologist said that Wendlinger, who was in a controlled coma for more than three weeks after the accident before being flown back from Nice to Austria, "took his first steps while being supported". He added Wendlinger's recovery was "progressing as we had hoped".

Points of View.



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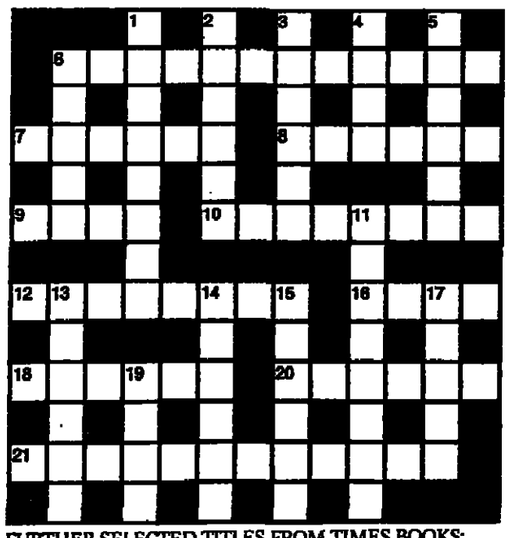
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7 Literary comparison (6)
8 Given new sound-track (6)
9 Turn wool into clothes (4)
10 Learned dissertation (8)
12 Inspect the heavens (4-4)
16 European mountains (4)
18 Cambridge exam (6)
20 King's fortified house (6)
21 Steamy historical romance (6-6)

DOWN
1 Dry-food container (8)
2 Conquer (6)
3 Take first steps (6)
4 Larva; food (4)
5 Annoys; French city (6)
6 Of birds (5)
11 Wing of church (8)
13 Intense fear (6)
14 Response, solution (6)
15 Greek geometer (6)
17 Directly opposite; sort of bear (5)
19 Dickens' illustrator; (sounds like) champagne (4)

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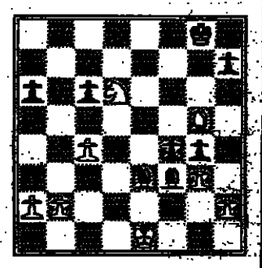
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Byrne - King, Watson, Farley & Williams/City of London Corporation Chess Challenge 1991.

White resigned before reaching this position. How would Black have finished off here?



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WORDPLAY

By Philip Howard

WHUTE
a. A carpenter's bradawl
b. A type of whale
c. To whistle

WORMLING
a. A small worm
b. Hem-stitch
c. Preaching

FEAK
a. A lump of coal
b. To spy on
c. A curl

GREENTH
a. Verdure
b. Home-sickness
c. Obesity

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